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Timberland Town Center opening soon

The big new shopping center that's been taking shape along NW Barnes Road in Cedar Mill is nearly ready for business! "We are about 90% full now, says Gramor Property Management Director of Leasing, Shana Altles. She adds, "Businesses will be opening between now and February. Market of Choice is going to be opening in mid-January."

Market of Choice, which will occupy a 40,000-square-foot building at the southwest corner of the center, is an Oregon grocer featuring "high end" conventional and natural foods. The new store will include a wine bar, a juice bar, a large selection of take-home foods, from scratch-made soups and sandwiches to elegant entrées and sides. They are slated to open mid-January. The remaining 50,000 square feet of additional retail space will include an impressive group of retail and service businesses, many of them locally owned.



Cedar Mill residents have long been clamoring for more choices for dining, and several new eating spots will be available, including **Kukai Ramen & Izakaya**, a Japanese ramen chain. This will be its first Oregon location. With nearly 20 locations in Japan and one in Taiwan, Kukai crossed the Pacific a couple of years ago, opening pair of Seattle-area locations in Bellevue and Northgate. If you're thinking about that student-food in cellophane packets, think again. The Seattle Times said recently, "Try the Garlic Tonkotsu Shoyu Ramen, with a pungent, rich, gravy-like pork broth. Kukai sells out of it most nights." They also advise diners to eat fast! "It's counterintuitive to how westerners dine. Yes, you slurp. You're supposed to eat while your ramen is steaming hot. Yes, your broth may have that fatty

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Christmas With The Smith Family

By Minnie (Smith) Stoumbaugh

Our family didn't do much that you could call a tradition, but there was the matter of how we observed Christmas. We were never taught to believe in Santa Claus, so we always opened our gifts on Christmas Eve—but not until we had done the supper dishes. We weren't from the south, (my parents were from South Dakota), but we always called the evening meal supper and the noon meal was dinner.

Mom would make it easy on us by having something very light for supper. At least one time it was popcorn, which Mom served on a square of waxed paper instead of using bowls or plates. No, we didn't have paper plates. That was something that rich people used and we were definitely not rich. I think it was grilled cheese sandwiches another year, again, on waxed paper. That way we only had to wash the glasses we used for milk, no silverware.

Even though our parents didn't go to church, they seemed to want us kids to know how to be grateful to God. However, that sentiment was lost on me, as, from my point of view, it was just how we started



Minnie's parents celebrating Christmas in 1959

a meal. But not at breakfast, as that was usually every kid for him or herself. There were seven of us and from the oldest (Ralph), to the youngest (that's me) we all memorized and recited a prayer that Dad wrote for us:

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for this beautiful day and bountiful supply of food. Give us strength to do Thy will in word and deed and thought. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Kirke Johnson, November 3, 1944-November 20, 2014

Kirke was born of American parents in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil on November 3, 1944, where his father was overseeing the mining of strategic minerals for the American war effort during WW2. His father was a mining engineer, and his mother was a school teacher and fine musician. When he was a toddler, the family moved back to the United States. Kirke grew up in mining communities in Virginia, Arizona, and New Mexico, where he had numerous early camping adventures that helped develop his abiding love for nature and the outdoors. His love for cycling and technology became evident early on, when as a child he developed a way to launch match-head rockets electrically from his bicycle.

He attended the New Mexico Military Institute for high school. He was an excellent trombone

player and played in the All State Band. He escaped the rigidity of military school, to which he was ill-suited, by working with the school barber, and by taking up cave exploration in his free time.

For college he attended New Mexico State University, where he was a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps. While at NMSU he developed his interests in technology through the study of amateur and commercial radio.

After school he served his country as a member of the Air Force, where he upgraded from match heads to much bigger rockets. While training at White Sands Missile Range he

undertook one of his earliest long-distance bicycle rides.

His reliability, integrity, stability,

and soft-spoken manner made an impression on his superiors.

He was ultimately given the great responsibility of being part of a missile launch crew in North Dakota where he was responsible for the operation of part of America's nuclear missile arsenal.

After his military service, he began his career as a computer programmer in Denver, and broadened his outdoor interests to include skiing and mountaineering.

He chose to move closer to his extended family, and took a programming position in Tacoma with

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Kirke and his bright yellow recumbent bike with fairsings at a high mountain pass in the Washington Cascades

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

Boulevard Banners!

Since 2007, the Cedar Mill Business Association has been sponsoring programs to help raise awareness of Cedar Mill's downtown area with banners and flower baskets along Cornell. The next phase includes the new boulevard banners. These banners are available to sponsor for a whole year. Sponsors will have their name on either one or



both sides of a banner, depending on sponsorship level. During this holiday time, the poles are draped with beautiful cedar greenery, and in the spring the greenery will be replaced with beautiful flower baskets.

If you are interested in sponsoring a pole and advertising your business name on the new boulevard banners, please go to cedarmillbiz.com and let us know! Don't get left behind. . . there are only a limited amount of poles for sponsorship. Wouldn't this be a great way to spend a very small part of your advertising budget?

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Thank you to the businesses that are sponsoring a boulevard banner this year. When you patronize them, let them know you appreciate their community spirit!

CMBA Holiday Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 11:30 am-1 pm, Sunset Athletic Club banquet room

It's time for the annual CMBA Winter Party and Annual Meeting. The host will be the Sunset Athletic Club on Cornell Rd., across the street from Sunset High School.

The meeting will begin promptly at noon and end at 1 pm. A great buffet lunch will be provided by their local food and beverage business members. There will be time after the meeting to mix and mingle until 1:30 pm.

You must be a current member to attend this meeting, please no guests, but work associates are welcome to attend at \$10 per person. Membership renewals will be accepted at the door at the discount rate of \$90 for the 2015 membership year. There will be a special drawing for those who renew before or by this meeting. After December 9, the renewal rate will be \$100. So bring your checkbook! For more details, contact Joanne Hollister at Mtman-Lady@gmail.com or 503-701-4005.

Meditation with Joan Gunness

Sundays, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 5:15 to 6:15 pm, Mind/Body Studio at Sunset Athletic Club, 13939 NW Cornell Rd.

Everyone is invited to join Joan to engage in basic meditation practice. Through meditation, you learn to become a witness to the movement of your own mind. There is no right or wrong way. You simply practice again and again. Mental clarity and a growing sense of inner calm can be experienced. Tools will be provided to support the

cultivation of your practice, whether you are a beginning or experienced meditator. Be curious and show up!

The fee is \$10 per class / \$40 for all four Sundays,

and are open to everyone, not just Sunset Athletic Club members. Questions? Call Joan 971-235-7621.

Dr. Delgado joins Cornell Family Medicine

Dr. Robert Barlow has added Dr. Erica Delgado to his practice, located in the medical building at 12400 NW Cornell, Suite 200. She says, "I'm very excited to join Cornell Family Medicine and work alongside such a well-loved and respected physician, Dr. Barlow. Primary care medicine has such a large scope and it's fascinating—there are always



new things to learn." The practice welcomes new patients.

Dr. Delgado continues, "I've always been drawn to the human side of medicine—that's why I became a doctor in the first place! I enjoy getting to know my patients as people and sharing in their lives. That's the beauty of primary care—we get to work together over time through life's ups and downs. It's a big responsibility, and a privilege. I care for patients from adolescent age to elderly as a general internist," she explains. She speaks Spanish.

She's a "local girl," very typical of the many folks who grow up here, go off and learn things, and come back to Cedar Mill to make their lives.

"I graduated from Sunset High School in 1996. I attended Pomona College, then the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine,

graduating in 2005. There I met my husband and we did our residencies in Seattle. He's now an orthopedic surgeon, graciously following me west to Oregon from his east coast roots. I became board certified in Internal Medicine in 2008. After residency, I worked as a hospitalist for two years in Seattle. We moved around after this—to Taos, NM and Columbus, Ohio for my husband's surgical training before moving back to Portland. I worked at a primary care clinic in SE Portland before meeting Dr. Barlow and joining Cornell Family Medicine. We live in Cedar Mill, where we are raising our two young children (and two rescued kittens)."

Ship your luggage? Why not!

Shopping for gifts, decorating, cooking. Most people have a lot to manage during the holidays. Add traveling to the mix and you can have a real headache. Fortunately, The UPS Store® located at 10940 SW Barnes Rd., Peterkort Towne Square is helping ease travelers' burdens by shipping their luggage ahead of time.

"Not having to carry a suitcase while traveling during the holidays is a great convenience," said The UPS Store franchise owner Tim Kimble. "An added bonus of shipping ahead is having your bags at your destination when you arrive. Ship your luggage as is; place it in a box for shipment; or purchase a luggage box, eliminating the need for a suitcase altogether."

The luggage box comes in two sizes, large and small, has a sturdy handle for easy carrying, and is made of recyclable corrugate. Because it weighs less than an empty suitcase, packing directly into the box can help lower shipping costs. Travelers also can include packaging tape and a return UPS shipping label for use when returning home. Plus, when shipped via UPS Ground service, the luggage box is competitively priced with the airlines' baggage fees.

One of the biggest fears for holiday travelers is dealing with lost or misplaced luggage. The UPS Store offers a variety of shipping options that allow travelers to track their luggage to its final destination, such as UPS Next Day Air, UPS 2nd

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Area 93/Bonny Slope West update

Before the parcel they're calling Bonny Slope West (roughly between Thompson and Laidlaw, east of Saltzman) can be developed, the county must come up with a "community plan" that will include where the roads will go, what types of housing density will go where, how the infrastructure will be paid for, and the many other details necessary to ensure a good outcome for this land that was added to the Urban Growth Boundary in 2002.

The Long Range Planning (LRP) section of Washington County's Land Use and Planning Division has been conducting public and stakeholder outreach activities (including the October 21 public meeting) to develop a draft community plan for Area 93/Bonny Slope West, that can be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2015.

To augment other public involvement and stakeholder engagement efforts, the Long Range Planning Section wants to utilize the county Planning Commission (PC) in an advisory capacity and as a sounding board with regard to draft plan options and alternatives. Staff anticipates a "discussion" format for these advisory sessions with the PC, with opportunities for public comment provided. The Planning Commission is a volunteer board, with advisory-only duties, but because they spend a lot of time analyzing and reviewing land use issues, staff feels they can help guide the process.

The request was approved by the BCC at their December 2 meeting. Planning Commission meetings are announced on the county website.

Upcoming meetings and topics include: December 17—Transpor-

tation and Open Space; January 21—Infrastructure Funding and Schools; and a February date to be determined later to consider results of the late-January Open House (date and location also TBD). The Planning Commission meets in the Public Services Building Auditorium (155 N 1st Avenue, Hillsboro) at 6:30 pm and meetings are open to the public.

In addition, there's a whole section on the county site providing history and much more about the area. You can sign up for the Bonny Slope West e-newsletter (along with several other interesting topics) at washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions

For even more background visit the Cedar Mill News home page and enter "Area 93" in the search box.

TriMet Changes

TriMet made changes to schedules on 10 bus lines on Sunday, November 30. The schedule adjustments include added trips and schedule changes to better match service to ridership and traffic conditions. These changes will cost TriMet \$570,000, and follow \$10.7 million in service improvements TriMet has made since September 2014, which were the agency's first service expansions since the great recession.

In Cedar Mill, Line 48 will have a trip added on weekday mornings, and there will be earlier service on weekends. Also, schedule adjustments will be made daily to better match ridership and traffic conditions to service.

For more information and greater detail on the changing lines, visit the TriMet website.

Sustainable Food movies at Leedy Grange Hall

Following the success of the Progressive Grange Sustainable Food Conference in early November, members voted to begin showing monthly "sustainable food" movies at the hall every third Saturday. The series will begin on January 17. The hall will open at 6:30 pm for light snacks and conversation, and the movie will show at 7 pm. There will be time after the movie for discussion.

Some of the titles we're considering include: Dirt: the Movie, A Place at the Table, King Corn, Food, Inc., and The Real Dirt on Farmer John. We're also looking for suggestions, and will post a survey in

January to gather your ideas.

We are seeking a digital projector and a large screen. We have equipment we can borrow, but to keep the series more "sustainable" for the organizers, it would be easier if we had our own. If you or your company has surplus equipment, please consider a donation. The equipment would belong to Leedy and could be used for other programs, including the CPO 1 meetings that occur in the hall each month on the first Tuesday. For more information, contact Virginia Bruce at 503-803-1813 or vrb@teamweb.com.



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The 12 Ways of (an Organized) Christmas

Are you starting to feel the stress of the holiday? There may be more than 12 days until Christmas, but there is also a lot to get done. How can you get ready for this wonderful celebration without arriving at the big day frazzled and exhausted?

There are 12 simple ways to help you have a wonderful, organized, and stress-free holiday. Here are just a few of the tips so be sure to check out the rest at NWOrganizingSolutions.com (under the newsletter tab).

1. Free up your mind by carrying a small pad of paper to write down the many thoughts and tasks that will be circling in your head.
2. Keep your decorating simple. Remember it's the people that are important, not the decorations.
3. Be choosy about what you put on your calendar. Don't be afraid to say "no" to some events.

Don't let the many preparations and activities of the season take away your holiday joy. Instead, choose to be organized, and have a yourself a Merry Christmas.

Impressions Holiday Dance

December 13, 7-10 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman Road

Join Impressions Dance Club for their Holiday Dance. The beginner's lesson is at 7 pm, and then general dancing to the DJ music from 7:30-10 pm. Swing, foxtrot, rumba, waltz, tango, cha cha and [more](#). The dance is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Don't know how to dance? Impressions Dance Club has lessons and classes, with gift certificates available. Check out the new web site at ImpressionsDanceClub.net or contact Cynthia Hively-Parent at 971-226-1119.

Toys and Dolls at the Museum

Wednesday, November 19-Saturday, January 3, 2015, 10 am-5 pm, downtown Hillsboro Civic Center Plaza location, 120 E Main, second floor above Starbucks

The Washington County Museum opens its newest exhibit, "All I Want for Christmas: Toys and Dolls We Remember." The exhibit is a collaboration among the Museum, the Beaverton Fashion Doll Club, and Tualatin Valley Model Railroad



A cast iron horse drawn fire truck from Museum collection

Club. Dolls and toys from the Museum collection are complemented by a large collection of dolls from the Fashion Doll Club, and beginning December 13, the Model Railroad Club will run their N Gauge model train layout on Saturdays and selected days during the holiday break.

"Last year, I just felt we should do something special for the holidays that would appeal to kids and adults, but we just didn't have the bandwidth to put together another exhibit last year," says Marcia Hale, Director of Guest Services and Public Programs. "So we took a look this year at what we had in the collection, and realized we had some interesting dolls and

toys, but not quite enough to create a complete exhibit. Part of my job is to seek out partnerships with community groups and invite them to share what they do in the Museum. Like most women my age, I grew up with Barbie, in fact I still have my Barbie #2. I found the Beaverton Fashion Doll Club, and presented the idea to them. The club agreed to help us create a nice display of dolls!"

The Doll Club is contributing a wide range of iconic dolls—from 1870's-era porcelain-head dolls, to, of course, Barbie, and American Girl dolls, along with many others. Among the dolls the Museum will display is an original "Gone With the Wind" Scarlett O'Hara doll, and a General Douglas MacArthur doll dating from the 1940's.

"I wanted to make sure we had something of interest for everyone, so I contacted the Tualatin Valley Model Railroad Club to see if they would be willing to set up a model railroad display," Hale adds. "For years the club had been at the Oregon Zoo, but no longer

set up their trains there during the holidays. They were booked at another event the first couple of weekends of our exhibit, so they will set up in time for our big day-long Free Family Day on December 13."

In addition to the model trains, the Museum will also display their

collection of vintage cast iron toys.

\$6 general admission, \$4 for seniors, children 3-18, college and military with ID. Family Day on December 13 allows free admission for everyone from 10 am-4 pm. The trains will run on that day, along with make-and-take activities. Two performances by science educator/juggler/comedian Rhys Thomas, at 11 am and 1 pm, will round out the day. The Museum website is washingtoncountymuseum.org, and the phone number is 503-645-5353.

River City House of Praise

Sunday, December 14, 10:15 am, Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 NW Dogwood St.

Laughing in church? You bet! Celebrate with joy this Christmas: add Frank Baum's "A Kidnapped St. Nicholas" to your December plans. Visit River City House of Praise and hear the sensational Sarah Maines sing! River City House of Praise is a radio-style gospel hour filled with comedy, music, and sound effects. It's free. It's fun! Be there!

Sunset Presbyterian Holiday Events

Sunset Presbyterian Church invites you to share this season with them. They're located at 14986 NW Cornell Road. You can find all their services and information on the web at sunsetpres.org. Regular worship services are each Sunday at 9 and 11 am. Here are two special events that you will not want to miss:

Christmas Concert
Friday, December 12, 7 pm, Sanctuary

A Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Ralph Vaughan Williams will feature international award-winning guest artists Ian Timmons and Joanna Meline, under the direction of Eric Stearns. Your spirits will soar as the Sunset Choir and Orchestra



A Scarlett O'Hara composition doll in her "drapery" dress

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Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec 24, 3 pm, 5 pm, and 11 pm, Sanctuary

Pastor Jason Curtis welcomes you, your entire family, and your friends to these special services. Elementary children are welcome to attend the service with their family. Programming is available for infants to four-year-olds at the 3 and 5 pm services. Communion will be served during the 11 pm service.

Second Edition Santa Visit

December 13, 2-4 pm, Second Edition (next to the Cedar Mill Library), 12505 NW Cornell Road

Bring your children and grandchildren to visit Santa at Second Edition! Santa is making a special stop to visit the little ones and hear what's on their wish lists, so be sure to bring your camera. He'll be at the shop from 2-4 pm, the event is free, so don't miss him!



Gingerbread Dog House Contest

Saturday, December 13 at Cedar Hills Crossing in Beaverton

The Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter is gearing up to host the third annual Gingerbread Dog House Contest. This year, Cedar Hills Crossing will sponsor on-site gingerbread house decorating for kids in conjunction with the contest. The added event is expected to draw more people and make it possible for any child to participate. The winner of the best entry from those made the day of the event will receive a ribbon and certificate.

Entries for the main contest must be delivered to Cedar Hills Crossing on December 13 between 11 am-noon, and will be available for close-up public viewing from 12-4 pm. Categories are: youth (12 and under), teens (13-19), adults (20 and older), mixed ages (for example, family groups made up of multiple generations), and culinary professionals. Although the contest



is called the gingerbread dog house contest, all edible pet-themed entries are encouraged (see complete rules on their [website](#)). Whether traditional gingerbread structures or cakes, the main guideline is that all visible decorations must be edible. It doesn't matter whether they are edible to pets or people. Because the entries will be on display for several weeks and may contain some nonedible supports, they won't actually be eaten by anyone. Feel free to use pet food or people food, as long as it is nonperishable.

Of course it's important to remember the reason for all of the festivities, supporting the Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter. Although there is no cost to enter, donations are welcome and volunteers will be helping with a spin-the-wheel raffle, donate to vote, a baked goods sale and more. All donated funds go directly to animal care.

Indoor tree shopping!

Don't let the rainy weather keep you from shopping for your holiday tree. Dinihanian's Christmas store is open every day from 10 am until 6 pm through December 23rd. You can find the perfect fresh cut tree here at our indoor tree lot. We have Noble Firs, as well as Nordis, Grands and Douglas in all sizes, as well as fresh cut local greenery. Wreaths, mantelpieces, garlands, candle wreaths, and centerpieces in all styles are made here in our own workshop by our master craftsmen. Top quality, beautiful holiday decor for all your needs abound at the store now.

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Rock Creek's First Annual Bazaar!

December 7, 10 am-3 pm, Rock Creek Country Club, 5100 NW Neakahnie Ave.

Join the Rock Creek Country Club for food, fun, and lots of shopping at their first annual holiday bazaar. Support your local businesses! They are also doing a canned food and clothing drive to help support My Father's House, A Community Shelter in Portland. There is no cost for this bazaar, but all are welcome to donate canned food or new-in-package socks and underwear for kids. For more information contact Jennifer Sturgis or email events@rockcreekcc.com. For free tickets visit rockcreekcc.com.

Big Horn Brass

Sunday, December 14, 6:30 pm, St. Matthew Lutheran Church 10390 SW Canyon Rd.

This is a performance full of joy and variety, including new arrangements of your holiday favorites. 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, King Baltazar, the Magi's journey to Bethlehem, A rockin' Big Daddy's Sleigh Rid, Stan Kenton Orchestra favorites. The popular Northwest vocalist Shirley Nanette is bringing her energy and sparkling style to your holiday favorites and is truly fabulous. The event is sponsored by



The Erik Weswig Memorial Fund, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, and THRPD. Donations gratefully accepted. The music begins at 6:10 pm with the St. Matthew Exaltation Handbell Ensemble. Big Horn Brass will begin playing at 6:30 pm.

18th Annual Boy Scout Troop 198 TreeRecycle & Compost

Saturday, January 3, Sunday January 4, 2015 from 9 am- 3 pm

There are two convenient parking lot drop off locations—Forest Heights Village & West Tualatin View Elementary School. They accept donations to pay costs of recycling and support Troop 198 in their educational activities and community projects.

Drop off: Suggested donation—trees \$7, wreaths & swags \$3 each
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Adopt a Family this holiday season

Sunshine Pantry, an independent non-profit organization that feeds about 350 people every day from a warehouse in Beaverton, is asking the community to come forward to help their needy families enjoy the holiday season.

The Adopt-a-Family program matches up donors with families by gathering "wish lists" from the needy families. Families fill out a form with their name and contact information, their choice of holiday meal main course, the children in the family and their wishes, and any urgent household needs such as blankets or heaters. Gift items should be in good condition, but don't have to be new, unlike so many donation programs.

Sharon Straus, Sunshine Pantry founder, and her volunteers, will match donors and families. It will be up to the donor and the recipient family to work out delivery. While a lot of holiday "giving" programs are anonymous and hands-off, it can be a lot more satisfying to make a personal connection. If you can help, please send me an email (vr@teamweb.com) with your name and phone number, and I'll make sure Sharon gets it.

THPRD Gives Back

It's become a holiday tradition in the Beaverton area: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District employees working to create a brighter season for low-income children and families.

THPRD will again collect toys, clothing and other items for families selected from within its boundaries. The park district will also collect food for the Oregon Food Bank. The public is invited to support both efforts at THPRD

facilities throughout the Beaverton area.

Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted from November 24 to December 19 for the Oregon Food Bank Washington County. Starting December 3 and running through December 19, each THPRD center and administrative facility will have a giving tree with "wishing stars" that specify a variety of wish list items from the needy families.

Donors will be able to take a wishing star from a tree and return with a new, unwrapped gift. All gifts are to be distributed to families that have been identified by the nonprofits Good Neighbor Center and Innovative Housing.

Donations will be accepted at the following Cedar Mill area park district locations:

- Cedar Hills Recreation Center: 11640 SW Park Way
- Elsie Stuhr Center: 5550 SW Hall Blvd
- Sunset Swim Center: 13707 NW Science Park Drive
- Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center: 15707 SW Walker Road • Athletic Center: 50 NW 158th Avenue
- Nature Center: 15655 SW Millikan Way •
- Tennis Center: 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton
- THPRD Administration Office: 15707 SW Walker Road

Making the Holidays Merry for Children in Need

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters are dedicated to responding to the fire and medical needs of their community at a moment's notice. This holiday season, firefighters are asking community members to help them come through for less fortunate children.

For more than 30 years, the KGW Great Toy Drive has provided

hundreds of thousands of toys to less fortunate families in Oregon and Southwest Washington. The toys collected during the toy drive are distributed to needy kids in our area with the help of more than 130 local nonprofit organizations and hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is joining more than 400 local organizations as a partner in this year's toy drive. All 21 TVF&R fire stations are currently accepting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages through Christmas Eve.

With the help of our generous community members, TVF&R volunteer firefighters were able to fill a fire engine and box truck full of toys to deliver to the KGW studios last December. This year, the need continues to be great and firefighters hope to exceed last year's collection effort.

Cedar Mill residents can drop off any new, unwrapped toys at their local TVF&R fire stations:

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All toys donated by December 15 will be donated to the KGW Great Toy Drive. Any toys collected after that date will be taken to the Washington County Girl Scout Christmas Breakfast for the Homeless on Christmas morning to be distributed to Washington County children who attend the breakfast with their families. Oregon has the fifth highest percentage of homeless children, with more than 38,000 kids considered homeless in the state.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue knows that we serve a generous, compassionate community. Thank you in advance for helping them contribute to brighter holidays for children in need. For a complete list of TVF&R fire stations accepting toy donations, please visit www.tvfr.com.

NEW Full Day Kindergarten Everywhere!

The Beaverton School District will provide free full-day kindergarten at all elementary schools beginning September 2015. The kindergarten day will be the same length as grades one through five. Per state statute, any child who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2015 was eligible to enroll for kindergarten at their designated home school beginning November 7, 2014. Parents/guardians need to provide a birth certificate and immunization record at the time of enrollment.

Each elementary school will offer parents an opportunity to find out more about the kindergarten program at their spring kindergarten information event. Please check with your neighborhood school to see when the event is scheduled. If you are uncertain about which elementary school is your home school, please call 503-591-8000. For more information, please contact the Communications & Community Involvement Department at 503-591-4360.

History Research Library work underway

The Washington County Museum's building on the PCC Rock Creek campus, which used to house the entire operation, is the archives and collections storage since the main museum moved to downtown Hillsboro. "We have big news at Rock Creek Research Library and Collection Center. Construction has begun!" they announced this month. The archives and collection storage will be expanded, the front entrance will be bumped out, and they will dress up the new research space. They expect completion to be sometime in the new year. Stay tuned for an update.

Because of construction, the amount of research requests that they can accept is limited. If you have questions, please contact librarian@washingtoncountymuseum.org or 503-645-5353 ext. 108.



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Citizen Participation Organization program in transition

By Virginia Bruce

A few weeks ago, we CPO 1 leaders received the following letter from the OSU Extension Service Staff who manage the CPO system for Washington County.

"...For 40 years, Oregon State University Extension Service has partnered with Washington County to support the program.

Oregon State and Washington County Extension staff members have sincerely appreciated the opportunity to serve as contractor and steward of this important program...

"To best meet the CPO Program's mission, respond to changes that have occurred over time, and plan for the future, OSU Extension has reevaluated its institutional strengths and role in delivery of the CPO Program. OSU Extension has informed the County of a decision that it will no longer serve as the administrator of the County's CPO program. The program will transition from the OSU Extension Service over the next year, and Washington County will assume program administration.

"At this time, details such as a transition plan and timeline still need to be determined. CPO members, the Committee for Citizen

Involvement (CCI), the community at-large, and partners will be given ample opportunities to provide input. This transition will be made carefully and deliberately, including dialogue and a planning process that will ensure the CPO Program's future success and continued longevity.

We in the CPO community are saddened by this, because many improvements to the decades-old citizen participation program have been made in the past few years. We are also concerned that the Washington County system not become a lapdog of the Board of County Commissioners, as it has in many Oregon counties.

When Oregon adopted its far-reaching land use laws (including urban growth boundaries) in the '80s, "Goal One" was citizen involvement. This has manifested itself quite differently around the state, with Washington County's system a model of independence, if not always efficiency.

There is much room for improvement, including incorporating social media to reach folks who can't attend monthly meetings. This was one of the suggestions we heard loud and clear at a forum during the December 2 CPO 1 meeting. (CPO 1 has a Facebook page, and everyone is encouraged to sign up and discuss local land use and other issues there.) We will publish a summary of comments from that meeting in the next CPO 1 Newsletter (sign up here) and discuss the transition again at our February meeting.



"Please note that daily operations remain unchanged. The program will continue in its current form and staffing, providing support to individual CPOs, the Committee for Citizen Involvement (composed of representatives from CPOs around the county), and the community at large, until a transition plan is developed and is approved by the Board of Commissioners."

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Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

First Lego League Presentation Showcase

The public is invited to cheer on teams of 4th through 8th graders as they present their live presentations for the upcoming county competition. Cedar Mill Library on December 2, 5, 10, 12 at 6:30 pm, and Saturday December 6 at 1 pm.



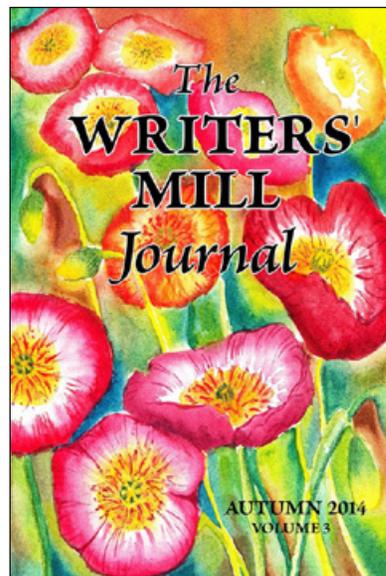
Library Ongoing Used Book Sales

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Writers' Mill group publishes Journal

Feast your literary eyes on the latest compilation of writing and art from neighborhood writers. Members of the Writers' Mill, a local writing group, have just published their third Writers' Mill Journal. The latest journal features a wide range of writing—from poetry, to essays covering animals, nature, darkness, and much, much more.



If you'd like to peruse it, the Cedar Mill library has a copy. If caffeinated perusal appeals, Poppa's Haven Coffeehouse also has one. It will also be available at the annual Oak Hills Bazaar, along with many other titles by local authors, at the Oak Hills Recreation Center, 2400 NW 153rd, December 5 and 6, 10 am-5 pm.

Anyone who considers himself or herself a writer is welcome to join the group. They meet on the third Sunday of each month from 1-3 pm in the conference room at the Cedar Mill library. The writers learn from speakers, share and critique writing, participate in writing exercises and sharpen their writing skills.

Consider the 2014 Writers' Mill Journal when buying local gifts for loved ones during this holiday season. If you miss the Bazaar, the journal is available online at amazon.com/Writers-Mill-Journal-Winter, at Barnes and Noble at barnesandnoble.com/w/the-writers-mill-journal-sheila, and at Powells at powells.com/biblio.

Public Affairs Forum

The Washington County Public Affairs Forum meets weekly from 11:45 am to 1 pm at the Peppermill Restaurant, located at 17455 SW Farmington Rd, Aloha. Their programs are also available on YouTube and local cable access channel 21, Tualatin Valley Community Television, TVCTV.org.

December 8

Part A: Hillsboro Empowers Youth – Jaime Rodriguez; Tualatin Together – Cyndy Hillier; Tigard Turns The Tide – Connie Ramaekers
Part B: Bill Kroger, author, Falon's Orphans

December 15th

Rep. Tobias Read(D) oregonlegislature.gov/read
Rep. John Davis (R) oregonlegislature.gov/davis

Admission is free. Lunch is available off the regular menu. Volunteers are welcome to help with various aspects of the meeting. The Forum is a non-profit organization supported by member dues, just \$45/year for individuals.

It's the Nature Center now...

It's been a long name that has been around a long time, but the park district has decided shorter is better. The Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center, a name that both sprawls across the written page and is a mouthful to say, is now known as the Tualatin Hills Nature Center. The THPRD Board of Directors approved the name change at their monthly meeting on November 3.

"We think our patrons will find the new name easier to use," said Kristin Atman, THPRD interpretive programs supervisor, based at the Nature Center. "It will also



help raise our profile and be more recognizable in the community we serve." She said the name also more accurately conveys the type of activities that are provided at the facility, which opened to the public in 1998 and is located at 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton.

"People will associate the new name with a center focused on nature and natural resource information," Atman said. "The word 'interpretive' seemed to confuse some people as to what we offer. So we're happy to eliminate that confusion."

The Nature Center is located within the Tualatin Hills Nature Park, a 222-acre wildlife preserve in the heart of Beaverton that features forests, creeks, wetlands, ponds and meadows. The park is home to a variety of birds, mammals, and smaller creatures. The trail network includes 1.5 miles of paved pathways plus 3.5 miles of well maintained, soft-surface trails. The Nature Center includes classrooms, a nature store, reference library, and exhibit area. A variety of environmental education classes and activities for adults, children, and school groups are offered throughout the year.

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sheen, glistening like the Exxon Valdez spill. And, yes, eating ramen should be a race against time; the alchemy gets out of whack once the

sandwiches, soups and salads. Bethany's Table, a local-focused spot that recently remodeled their Bethany Town Center location, will open a "The Table" here too. If you



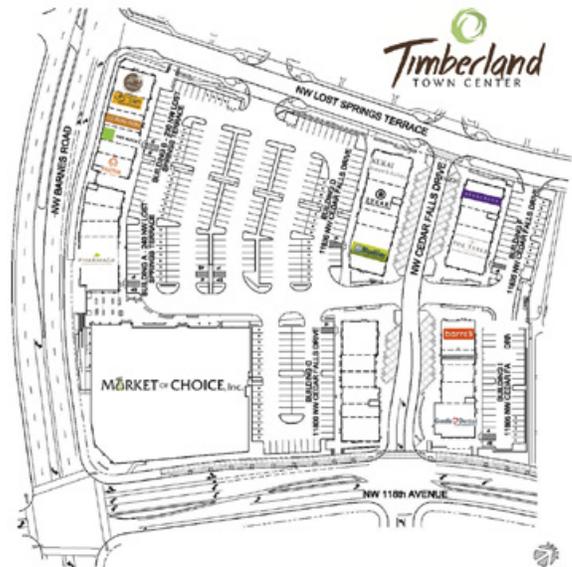
haven't enjoyed a meal there, "the cuisine has strong Mediterranean influences, and when we visit restaurants in Northern Italy we find many of our dishes. And then there's coq au vin and paella, a great hamburger and, occasionally, fish tacos. While the fare is fine, the ambiance is casual," as their website says. I'm sure this "neighborhood free-style bistro" will attract a lot of new customers who never get up to

broth cools down. You should finish within 10 minutes, 12 tops."

Another tempting spot will be [Clutch Prime Sausagery](#). The [Portland Tribune](#) says, "With menu items priced at \$6-\$10, (founder and owner Ken) Norris will transform the simple food many crave—lamb gyros, buffalo chicken, pizza and Thanksgiving turkey with stuffing—into an expertly crafted, lightly smoked sausage atop a buttery brioche bun." The shop will also offer sausage to take home, along with a selection of local products such as Jacobsen Salt and Quin candy.

Bethany to check them out! Beyond food, there will be personal services from B'Tan, Urban Waxx, and LaBelle Nail Salon, fitness choices from barre3 and StarCycle, Zucari Home & Garden, which is relocating from its former Pearl District spot, Mud Bay Natural Dog & Cat Foods, health services from Gentle Dental, and Pharmaca, an "integrative pharmacy," with locations in several western states.

When Gramor Development took on this project, President Barry Cain and Vice President of Project Development Matt Grady made several visits to CPO 1 to discuss their plans. One thing they promised was to do their best to populate the center with "local as possible" businesses, and it's gratifying to announce that they have kept that promise!



[Ava Roasteria](#), a friendly and popular local coffee and pastry shop that's been gracing downtown Beaverton since 2006, will occupy the northwest corner spot. They make a great cup of coffee, whatever your favorite style, and also serve lunch fare like Panini and other

Several of these businesses are already hiring, so if you're looking for a job with a short commute, check them out. Here are a couple of links to get started: Market of Choice: [mccjobs.iapplicants.com/ViewJob-590353.html](#), Mud Bay: [mudbay.com/careers.html](#)

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The UPS Store accepts packages as late as Tuesday, December 23, for delivery on Wednesday, December 24. This year, Christmas falls on a Thursday. For time-critical shipments, UPS offers the convenience of Saturday Delivery; however, Saturday Delivery commitment times depend on the shipping service you choose. Check with your local The UPS Store to help you determine the best way to get your package to its destination in time.

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The Four Week Cleanse, however, is free to anyone who wants to optimize their health with a detox, cleanse, and hopefully a yoga routine. The Cleanse is an easy to follow plan with tips, shopping lists, optional weekly meetings, and a guest Nutritionist speaker to help start the Cleanse off on Sunday, January 4th. Santosha Yoga's co-owner, Katy Nadal, is leading the Cleanse for the fourth time. Join them for better health in the new year! More information will be posted on Santosha Yoga Home page.

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Caryl K. Hoffman, of CK Hoffman Design, obtained her General Contractor's License in September, joining the small but growing ranks of female general contractors in Oregon. Caryl has been in the interior design/construction industry for over 30 years. This is another milestone to add to her resume, which includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Design from UCLA. She has also been named Best of Houzz (an online database for design ideas and professionals) for 2013 and 2014. 2014 also marks the 15-year anniversary of having her own business. For more information, please contact Caryl at 503-807-1348, carylkhoff@gmail.com, or visit her website at ckhoffmandesign.com.

Village Gallery News

Support local artists and buy locally made art for special people on your holiday gift list at Village's holiday cash and carry sale. Paintings, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, glassware and more can be purchased at the gallery now through the end of December.

Artists Reception and Open House Sunday, December 14, 2-4 pm

Drop in and meet their members while enjoying refreshments and a free art-making activity. This month Tacoma jewelry artist Lara Koger will show participants how to wrap wire into loops and other decorative shapes for jewelry-making.

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Pennwalt Corp. The company transferred him to Portland, where he met his wife Kathi. They shared a mutual passion for hiking and nature, and married and had two children, Stephen and Heather. Kirke started his career with Portland Community College where he served with dedication for 28 years in a variety of information technology roles. He was a man of impeccable integrity. He had a quiet but strong sense of community involvement, and was committed to making life better for all.



Kirke's family placed a "ghost bike" near the corner where he died. Community members placed yellow balloons and flowers to commemorate his passing.

Kirke was a scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America, where he shared his knowledge and love of the outdoors, spirit of integrity, and soft-spoken cheerful service with his children and others. He helped his son Stephen attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

His daughter Heather shared her love of bicycles with him and got him riding again. Nothing beats the simple pleasure of riding a bicycle, and Kirke became an avid cyclist and bike commuter. He got into shape and averaged 10,000 miles a year for seven years, which he proudly noted was far more than the miles he put on his car. He shared this pleasure with his wife with whom he did many long-distance bicycle tours, with his work, where he actively promoted bicycle commuting, and in the community where he organized and participated in group rides and actively promoted and exemplified bicycle safety. He was proud of his cycling granddaughter Violet.

He was one of the founding members of "Connecting Neighborhoods," a subcommittee of CPO 1 that sought to improve ways for people to travel without cars. The group was very successful during the years it was active, from 2008-2011, including ensuring that bike lanes

were added to all road projects in the area, and sharing safe routes with an annotated Google map (<http://tinyurl.com/cpolmap>). Kirke's "pet project," which still needs to be accomplished, was to assemble a trail that would provide a safe way for pedestrians and cyclists to travel through the pass between the Tualatin Valley and Portland.

Kirke was pursuing his love of cycling when a tragic accident with a semi truck took his life on November 20, 2014, at the corner of Cornell Road and Barnes in Cedar Mill. He was a strong and vigorous 70 years young. He was a one-year survivor of cancer, had just retired, and was looking forward to realizing a long-planned trans-America bike tour with his wife.

Kirke is survived by his wife Kathi, his children Stephen and Heather, and his granddaughter Violet.

His memorial service will be at 1 pm on December 6, at the World Forestry Center. In lieu of flowers, please

make a donation for bicycle safety in his name to the The Bicycle Transportation Alliance or Kirke Johnson's fund c/o Virginia Bruce at Sunset Credit Union.

Prep your water for the weather

Winter sweater? Check. Rain boots and coats? Ready to go. Hitting the slopes this winter? Time to wax those skis. When it comes to being prepared, the "basics" are easy to do. But what if you had an emergency? Just like everything in life, being prepared can make all the difference when you only have moments to react.

To be prepared, TVWD encourages you to:
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In Case Of Water Emergencies

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One year we somehow had some red and green construction paper which we cut into strips. Then we made glue of flour and water, and made a chain of the strips to hang on the tree.

Another time we made a string of popcorn for decoration. Finding a tree was half of the fun as we searched through the woods for a good one that was the right height to sit on Dad's typewriter table and not touch our low, seven-foot ceiling.

Christmas gifts were one or two toys, usually one, and then something practical such as underwear or socks. Our favorite relatives Aunt Tina and Uncle Brent in Albany never forgot us, and always sent each of us some small gift.

But one year, maybe in 1950, Dad asked us ahead of time to help him decide what he should give us. He could buy us toys, and he was willing to do that. But what he really wanted us to have was a large Webster's Dictionary offered in the

Montgomery Ward catalog— our favorite place to shop. He asked us to talk it over among ourselves and decide what we preferred.

See, if we didn't know the meaning of a word, we would ask Dad, knowing that he could answer our question. Instead, he always said, "Let's look it up." And with a groan, we would get one of our old school dictionaries from the bookshelf.

Sometimes we also learned how to spell the word that way. For sure the idea caught on because, to this day, if you ask a question of my sister June (second born), she will shortly bring a worthy reference document to the discussion.

Well, we five younger children who were still at home discussed Dad's offer, and he was very pleased that we chose the dictionary over toys. Then we had a "Cadillac" to use. And my middle sister Fern has that Christmas dictionary—now family a heirloom—to this day.

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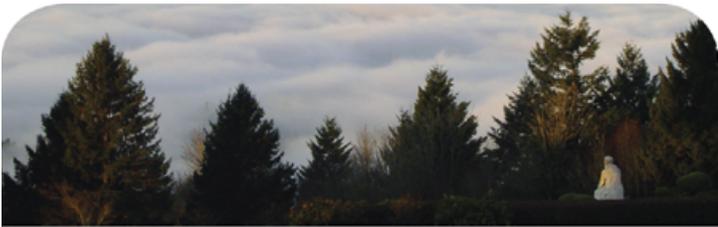
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