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## Featured Business

### Pacific Office Automation

By Virginia Bruce

Some companies grow by offering better products than their competition. Some grow by offering better service. At Pacific Office Automation, growth has been a combination of these factors, along with a strong commitment to build a culture that nurtures and develops the 780+ em-

ployees and companies. “Tribal Leadership,” which describes five stages of evolution in employees and companies.

“We want to be a Level Five company,” Pitassi says. “The focus of a Level Five organization is not simply on profit, or beating the competition, but to make history!” This requires everyone to move from the Stage Three attitude of “I’m great,” to Stage Four, where the group becomes a tribe and says, “We’re great.” Pitassi told the group, “At that point, they are a team with shared core values—holding one another accountable.” And then they can move on to Stage Five.

He illustrated this point with a simple triangle. The base of the triangle is the relationship between the customer and “me,” the sales or customer service person working with them. POA is at the top of the triangle, supporting the employee in doing what’s right for the customer.

Their company slogan, “Problem—Solved,” reflects this pervasive attitude. The first task with a new customer is to identify the current state of the business. Then the job is to work with them to find inefficiencies and bottlenecks, where the right solution can transform a business.

They use some technical applications to make this happen, in addition to building good attitudes. The Customer Service department employs tracking software that lets managers see in real-time how well the reps are doing in answering and solving customer calls. Their repair and delivery vehicles are all equipped with GPS software that helps efficiently route employees around the region. They developed their own order tracking software, because off-the-shelf products just weren’t good enough.

Most of the company’s growth was achieved organically, but also through purchasing smaller companies, and then serving those locations with improved efficiency.

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### Saltzman stormwater project

If you travel on Saltzman Road, you’ve noticed some work being done in a stormwater facility this summer. In fact, you might have noticed how it nearly flooded the road a couple of times last winter!

We asked Steve Keenon, Surface Facilities Maintenance Supervisor for [Clean Water Services](#), about the project. Here’s a Q&A to help you learn about this project and about how CWS works to maintain water quality in the Tualatin Basin.

*I understand, from talking to some workmen, that the repeated flooding that was going on there was due, at least in part, to the activity of nutria\* or beavers. Is that accurate?*

Detention facilities are intended to hold high water and meter it out slowly, but this older facility does not function properly because three larger pipes drain to a 12” pipe.



*The open water area is home to a family of ducks, and, presumably, a few nutria or beaver.*

The problem was compounded by the beaver activity. In addition to repairing the berm, our crews

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### Preparing for “The Big One”

A great deal of national attention has recently been focused on the predicted Cascadia earthquake. Cedar Mill and its surrounding hillsides are located in “strong” to “very strong” zones of hazard, with one of the identified fault lines running along the Tualatin Hills.

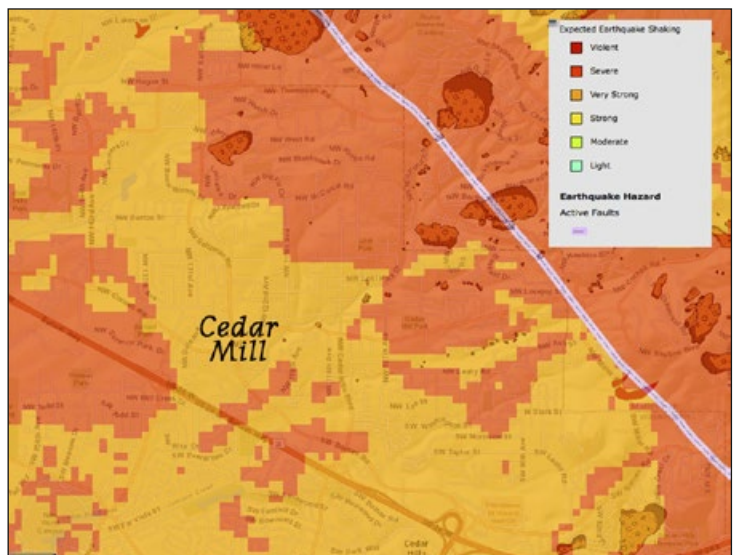
Visit the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) website to view interac-

tive maps via the “[HazVu](#)” system.

Here are some practical steps you and your family can take to improve your odds of staying safe and relatively comfortable when “The Big One” hits.

Keep an [earthquake-safe kit](#) in your home and car. Don’t forget to include important documents and cash in your kit.

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*The map from the DOGAMI website illustrates hazard areas in Cedar Mill. [View it online here](#)*



*Customer wait time, along with the status of the solution, is monitored by CS managers, who are also available to step in as needed.*

ployees who are the face of the company to its thousands of customers.

The business began in 1976, when founder Terry Newsom bought an ailing photocopier company. They soon moved from their Tigard location to an office on Science Park Drive in Cedar Mill. The Newsom family grew up in the community, and sons Brooks and Fall attended Sunset High. The family still owns a large share of the business, and Brooks remains active. Longtime employee Doug Pitassi took over as President five years ago and has led the business in steady growth since then.

Pitassi is a hands-on manager, but also spends time thinking about the big picture—how to continually improve the company culture. Each year, they host a big meeting for all the employees of their 25 offices in seven western states. The theme for 2014 was taken from the

# 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](mailto:info@cedarmillnews.com)

## Village Gallery News

Sunday, August 9, 2-4 pm, Opening reception, 12505 NW Cornell Road, east of the library

Oregon abstract landscape artist Amanda James will be featured in a



*Lunar Trees, by Amanda James*

solo show showcasing her watercolor paintings, which speak to the beauty of Oregon and emphasize color. Amanda's work is also inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement and the artists of the Works Progress Administration. Attendance is completely free!

For more information about the gallery, and about art classes offered there, visit [villagegalleryarts.org](http://villagegalleryarts.org)

## Foot Traffic West marathon training

Whether you are a first-time marathoner or looking to cross another race off the list, Foot Traffic Univesity (FTU) is the way to train. Training is available for beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Members joining now should be able to complete 13 miles for their longest run/walk.

There are weekday/weekend training schedules available, with Saturday morning group workouts for the longer miles! Pace Mentors will be with you on Saturday group workouts every step of the way! Sat-

urday group workouts also include marathon-specific talks about gear, nutrition, and hydration.

Foot Traffic is located at 13306 NW Cornell Road. Visit their website at [foottraffic.us/the-stores/west-side/](http://foottraffic.us/the-stores/west-side/) or call the westside store at 503-350-0294.

## Introducing...The Hoffman Youth Chorus

Saturday mornings, 9-9:50 am, starting October 10

Everyone has the ability to sing. The magical thing about a choir is that multiple voices

come together to become one. Hoffman Academy of Music is proud to be offering its first ever Hoffman Youth Chorus for boys and girls ages 6-10.

Practicing music in an ensemble setting is paramount to the growth of every young musician. It helps to hone musical abilities and teaches important social, communication, and team building skills necessary for future musical success.

Hoffman Youth Chorus will practice rhythm, sight singing, and ear training, through learning a variety of pop, folk, and classical songs. The program hopes to turn kids on to learning music in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

The Academy is located at 12660 NW Cornell Rd., in the "Triangle Center." To sign up for the choir, and to learn more about what Hoffman offers, visit [hoffmanacademy.com/portland](http://hoffmanacademy.com/portland), or call 503-336-3121

## Holistic Pet Customer Appreciation Day

Saturday, August 22, Holistic Pet, 13567 NW Cornell Rd., in the Safeway Shopping Center

Pet owners are invited to join Holistic Pet for their Customer Appreciation Day. There will be specials on dog and cat food, manufacturer reps on site to talk about pet foods, and dog trainers there to give advice.

Born Again Pit Bull Rescue will be washing dogs from 11 am-3 pm for a \$10-\$15 donation based on dog size. A raffle will be held for baskets with a variety of pet foods, treats, and toys with the proceeds going to BAPBR. A Custom Art piece from Studio Mono&ME will also be part

of the raffle. Of course, treats for dog and cat owners also!

Learn more about the business at [holisticpetclub.com](http://holisticpetclub.com)

## Big Sale at Second Edition!

August 29-September 5, at the shop, located at the East end of the library building

Love the library? You can have fun and contribute at the same time by shopping at the library's resale shop, Second Edition. The semi-annual clearance sale begins August 29, with 25% off every item in the store. On August 31 through September 3, everything will be 50% off. Friday, September 4 is the 75% off day. Saturday, September 5 is the bag sale, when you can fill a large brown grocery store bag for only \$8!

Everyone loves to see which new items will be revealed when the shop re-opens on Tuesday, September 8, at 10 am. The theme will be Western Days, to coincide with the Pendleton Roundup. All proceeds from the shop go to support the Cedar Mill Community Library and the Bethany Branch as well.

Second Edition Resale is in need of volunteers! We invite you to pick up a volunteer form at the front desk of the shop or library!

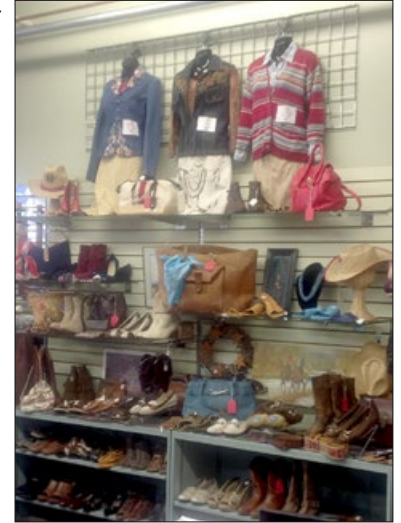
## Kitchen for Rent!

The Wine Cellar on Saltzman has been asked many times if caterers or chocolate makers can use



our kitchen. You bet! The kitchen is licensed with the Department of Agriculture, and can be used for both catering services and the preparation of (most) packaged foods to resell. This is a great location for people who prepare foods for farmers' markets or to sell to their friends and colleagues.

Rates vary from \$7-20 per hour for the space and use of the appli-



*Get your yee-haw on at the Western Days event!*

ances. Additional charges apply if people need to use cutlery, cookware, and other equipment. Call (503) 643-5655 to speak with Erin about this space!

## Legacy GoHealth Urgent Care: Good2Go

This spring, you may have noticed that the sign for Northwest Urgent Care on Cornell has been changed to Legacy - GoHealth Urgent Care. The Legacy Health and GoHealth Urgent Care partnership will provide greater access to high-quality medical care and provide a valuable alternative to traditional hospital emergency room visits. Legacy - GoHealth is where people can access community-based medical care with service that is connected to Legacy Health's quality continuum of care.

Legacy - GoHealth Urgent Care has made a commitment to the Cedar Mill community to serve our patients by taking an active role in community events and local give-back campaigns. The Good2Go campaign was inspired

when we were driving by Sunset High School. We've always done sports physicals it's just another day in the life, but we wanted to come up with a program to give needed dollars to schools and their athletic departments.

Through the Good2Go campaign, when you register online and

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## Creative solutions sought for Murray-Cornell

As we wrote about in the June issue, Washington County is looking for a developer or team of interested parties to come up with proposals for the vacant corner at Murray and Cornell. The ["Request for Expressions of Interest"](#) is now posted on the County website.

The county worked with consultant John Southgate to explore ways to reach its goals, which include furthering the vision of the Cedar Mill Town Center as a walkable, vibrant, and friendly place for our residents. Whether this RFEI will accomplish that goal will depend in large part on who responds to this request.

The document is interesting and readable, so take a look and put on your thinking caps!! We invite our readers to share it with anyone who might have an idea! Several printed copies will be available in the Cedar Mill News office if you'd like to borrow one.

While some of us would like to see the corner developed as a spot for food carts and public events,

it's likely that at least part of the property will be a business, perhaps a restaurant. Other uses that are suggested in the RFEI include mixed-use development with multiple upper floors of housing and retail at the ground level.

The RFEI indicates that the County is willing to work with interested parties to modify Town Center zoning and other regulations to bring about "a use or activity that contributes to a strong sense of place and is consistent with the Cedar Mill Town Center vision."

The RFEI suggests a due date of September 14 for proposals, but that is a "soft" deadline. Depending on the number and quality of proposals, the county proposes several options for the selection process.

Please direct inquiries about the project to Stephen Roberts, Special Projects Coordinator, Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation, at 503-846-3798 or [stephen\\_roberts@co.washington.or.us](mailto:stephen_roberts@co.washington.or.us)

## Legislative Town Hall

Tuesday, August 11, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Connect with our two locally-elected Oregon State legislators, Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward, and Representative Mitch Greenlick, for a recap of the recently completed 2015 Legislative Session, and a chance to ask questions and express your priorities.

## Volunteer at our library

Fall volunteers will be needed at the Cedar Mill Library and Second Edition Resale Shop as the summer volunteers head back to school or to jobs. At Second Edition, there will be openings for cashiers, sales associates, and helpers to sort and price donations. In the library, shelvers and shelf stewards (maintaining order on the shelves) are needed. Shelving jobs can lead to other library jobs such as pulling holds, checking in returned books, and staffing the check-out desk.

They are also looking for a Book Club Leader at Laurel Park, leading seniors in a once-a-month discussion of a popular book.

Most jobs require a commitment of two-three hours a week for a minimum of six months. Cedar Mill Library is a non-profit library with 600 volunteers contributing 40,000 hours annually to its opera-

tion. Second Edition Resale Shop sales raise money for the library. In the library, literally thousands of books, DVDs, CDs and magazines need to be shelved daily.

Volunteer applications can be found at the library or on our website: [library.cedarmill.org](http://library.cedarmill.org). Applicants need to be at least 14 and in the ninth grade to apply.

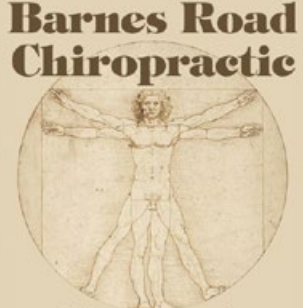
Contact Kevin Kelley, Head of Volunteer Services for more information at 503-644-0043 ext. 111 or [kevinke@wccls.org](mailto:kevinke@wccls.org).

## McDaniel Road Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 pm, Cedar Mill Library upstairs meeting room

A Neighborhood Meeting is scheduled for a proposed 27+ lot subdivision on the north side of NW McDaniel Road, on several lots west of Blackhawk Drive. Zoning on this area is "R9" which calls for a net density of nine units per acre. Pioneer Design Group is representing the developer.

The purpose of these neighborhood meetings is to provide a forum for the applicant and surrounding property owners/residents to review the proposal and identify issues. Meetings are open to all. For more information, contact T.C. Campbell, [tccampbell@pd-grp.com](mailto:tccampbell@pd-grp.com) or call 503-643-8286.



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The event will be held at Spiesschaert Farms, 3150 NW Thatcher Road in Forest Grove. For more information or to sign up, call 503-648-3174 x117, or visit [www.swcd.net](http://www.swcd.net)

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## The old swimming hole

By Minnie (Smith) Stoumbaugh

Didn't we five Smith kids love it when we could go play in the woods, build a fort, climb a tree, or get wet in the creek awhile! We were well-blessed to be born at one of the last best times to get out and explore our world—in the 40s and 50s. The closest thing we had to electronic gadgets that entertain kids today was my portable radio. It was battery operated by two good-sized, rectangular batteries. Problem being, too many times I went to sleep listening to music. Yep, the batteries were dead in the morning. The two of them cost \$3—a lot of money back when I was ten years old and Dixie cups and candy bars were 5 or 10¢.

my face! One black eye and delayed development! Again, it wasn't much more than a large wading pool, but it did give us a bit of reprieve on a hot summer day.

About this same time, the owners of the holly orchards which were prevalent north of what is



The Smith kids at the beach, demonstrating their engineering prowess! Minnie (with pigtails), Fern, Gene, Roy, and Floyd c. 1947

At least a couple of times we escaped those hot days of summer by swimming at Lake Oswego. That was a long drive on the back roads of the day. So was "Roamer's Rest," a popular recreation spot down on the Tualatin River, even though we had Highway 99 to take us there. Either of those was only a once-in-awhile treat. Otherwise, we could hike up McChesney Road (now 87th), or go north from Canyon Road past the West Slope Water District office and down the newly cut road that is 89th today. We had trails through the woods along the creek that would finally pass under Wolf Creek Highway.

now Sunset Highway built a dam on the creek to create a reservoir to water their holly trees. Would that have been the Peterkort Family? I think so. Their earthen dam was at least 25 feet high and 100 feet wide, located about two tenths of a mile northeast of where the creek passes under the highway. Today you wouldn't have a clue there is a three-foot culvert going under the highway shortly before the exit to St Vincent's hospital.

Because that was the name of Highway 26 in the beginning, we always thought the creek in "our woods" was Wolf Creek. Only much later would I read a map and learn that it was Golf Creek! We made a dam in the creek so we could have a place to swim. Well, we never got into real swimming because it wasn't big enough, but we had a good time sharing the cool of the creek with water skippers and mosquito larva.

The dam was serving well after it was put in place and the lake that was created filled quickly with the rains in the fall and winter. However, the next spring, the flow of water became more than the dam could contain, and it broke. Since I delivered the Portland Oregon Journal to people who lived "down in the woods," I could see that something serious had happened when I came by that afternoon in maybe 1950. By then the flood had passed, but there was debris everywhere and the grass alongside the creek was lying flat. Sorry for the one family that had built their home down close to the creek and had water in the house.

Later 89th was extended about a quarter of a mile farther into the woods, changing the flow of the creek. So we made another dam farther downstream. But just as my brother, Roy was swinging a shovel full of mud, I bent down beside him and his load was deposited in

This was only a temporary eclipse to our play place. The Peterkorts rebuilt the dam with better information, and it became a favorite swimming hole for several kids, until about 1955 when the holly orchards gave way to housing developments.

## Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

**Atfalati-Kalapuya, First People of Washington County**

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 pm



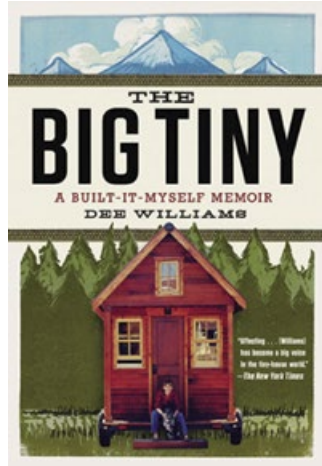
Kalapuya baskets on display at the museum

Explore the lives of the indigenous people of the Tualatin Valley, the Atfalati branch of the Kalapuya tribe. Learn about how the Atfalati dressed, their customs, what they ate, and where they lived. See and touch furs, stone tools, baskets, and more. This free program is presented by the Washington County History Museum.

**Author Dee Williams on "The Big Tiny, A Built-It-Myself Memoir"**  
Saturday, August 15, 2 pm

More than ten years ago, a near-death experience abruptly reminded sustainability advocate and pioneer Dee Williams that life is short.

So she sold her sprawling home and built an 84-square-foot house on her own, from the ground up. Today, Williams can list everything she owns on one sheet of paper. Her monthly housekeeping bills amount to about \$8, and it takes her about ten minutes to clean the entire house.



## Garden moves

By Margie Lachman

Gardens have a way of editing themselves. Last December we lost a 40-foot tall (and wide) Magnolia grandiflora to 60+ mph winds. Luckily, it did little damage to our house and none to the neighbors, and opened up the back garden to the sun.

I now had a spot where a smaller tree could be placed. We transplanted a Stewartia pseudocamellia from the north side of the garden to the empty spot in March. It is a small tree (ten feet tall) and will shade the woodland plants next to it in a few years. Happily the Stewartia did not miss a beat, putting out leaves and showing no signs of stress. Concerned about its slow growth, I consulted a nurseryman who grows Stewartias; he assured me that my woodland plants would be fine until my little tree spread enough to give shade. Even the long heat event we just had did not burn most of the plants that enjoy a semi-shade position.

Several years ago we lost two shore pines that had been shading our rhododendrons. The rhodies have suffered in the full sun. Lace bugs attacked them, and this alerted me that they needed shade. Stressed plants are more vulnerable to disease and insects. A newly planted dogwood, Cornus kousa "Trinity,"

will give shade eventually, but it is only 5 feet tall. Needing to create shade this summer, I searched the internet and found shade cloth with hardware to hang it. We had to set metal poles into cement to anchor two corners opposite the house and two eyehooks on the house for the other two. It now shades the rhodies and some of the hydrangeas near the house.

Lucy Hardiman, Portland garden designer, calls gardening a living art. After all, the living things we use to create a pleasing picture are affected every day by the elements, insects, disease, and changing seasons. We need to be observant and quickly recognize problems that may arise to adversely affect our creations, so we can maintain their health and vigor.

Occasionally a plant will not thrive where it is planted. If the spot is well-chosen for proper drainage, light, and soil, it may be that the plant was not healthy to start with, even if it appeared to be so. You can try moving it in autumn to another spot, but do not plant the same variety in the same place. Look for a new place with similar light and good soil. Shrubs and trees can be expensive so ask for planting advice at the nursery where you buy them.

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Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation



*Pulling long vines of ivy out of natural areas can become a fun, competitive sport for some kids!*

District manages more than 90 park sites with recreational amenities, 60 miles of hard- and soft-paved trails, and more than 1,400 acres of natural area. Their maintenance and natural areas staff does a great job of keeping these properties safe and in good shape, but they can't pull every weed, or find all the trash that gets dumped.

That's where the Adopt-a-Park volunteer program comes in. Melissa Marcum, Natural Resources Volunteer Coordina-

tor, enjoys working with individuals and groups who want to make a difference.

"Training consists of an informal meeting at the park, usually with the park site manager, myself and the volunteer(s). We go over what optional activities volunteers can perform at the site, natural area features of interest, and then we identify

what the adopters will be doing, how often they plan to volunteer at the park, safety issues, and anything else that comes up." The district can supply work gloves, tools, and plants, if necessary. She continues, "Some of our adopters have even borrowed chest waders, so they can pull trash out of local streams and ponds. As long as the resources are available, we can loan them out to volunteers."

"The program is designed to be open-ended, to meet the needs of the majority of patrons looking to volunteer in their neighborhood park," Marcum says. "We can work with both casual and more involved volunteers."

Someone strolling through the park occasionally with gloves and clippers to handle invasive blackberry as it



*Teens found an amazing assortment of junk hidden in their nearby natural area!*

appears, or to pull some ivy before it threatens trees, can accomplish a lot!

The program also works with a variety of groups. They are currently working with New Seasons Market at Barrows Park, in the Progress Ridge area. They have been involved in the adoption program for the last few years, recruiting volunteers from their staff and store patrons to participate. Past projects have focused on stream cleanup and restoration of natural areas along a tributary of Fanno Creek.

Marcum says, "We are also working with a local family who have adopted Summercrest Park. They have focused on trash removal from the stretch of South Johnson Creek located in the park and will soon focus on ivy removal in the forested portions located in the eastern half of the park."

At Pheasant Park, a Boy Scout troop has adopted a portion of the riparian corridor of Beaverton Creek. These scouts have been involved at the site for the past few years, removing invasive plants and replanting with native trees and shrubs. Another neighbor has adopted another portion of the stream corridor at this site. He has been working there for a number of years, restoring the natural areas behind his house, by removing invasive vegetation and replanting with natives.

"We have a number of other sites where groups and individuals have adopted parks or portions of parks. The activities vary from litter pickup to natural area restoration, and even monitoring wildlife activity at sites," Marcum says.

More information about the program, and a link to submit a volunteer application, is available on the district website at [thprd.org/activities/nature/volunteer/adopt-a-park](http://thprd.org/activities/nature/volunteer/adopt-a-park)

# Solar trash compactor for Husen Park

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District is planning to install solar-powered trash compactors in four



parks this year, and Cedar Mill's Jackie Husen Park is one of the locations. Jon Campbell, Superintendent of Maintenance Operations for the District, explains, "The solar powered receptacles will hold up to five times the amount of trash our normal 55-gallon cans hold, which means that will reduce the amount of trash that staff has to remove from each site."

Husen Park was chosen because it, along with the other three locations, has a picnic shelter. A group picnic can fill up the existing cans, and sometimes the shelter is booked for two events on the same day. With the existing cans, staff has to remove the trash from the full cans, and then drive back to our maintenance shops to unload. Campbell says, "The solar cans will reduce how often we do that, ultimately keep staff working instead of driving, and save on fuel costs."

Jackie Husen Park is located just north of Cornell and east of 113th, at 10955 NW Reeves St. If you're interested in renting the shelter for family or group events and picnics, visit the THPRD website at [thprd.org/parks-and-trails/park-rentals](http://thprd.org/parks-and-trails/park-rentals) or call 503-629-6305.

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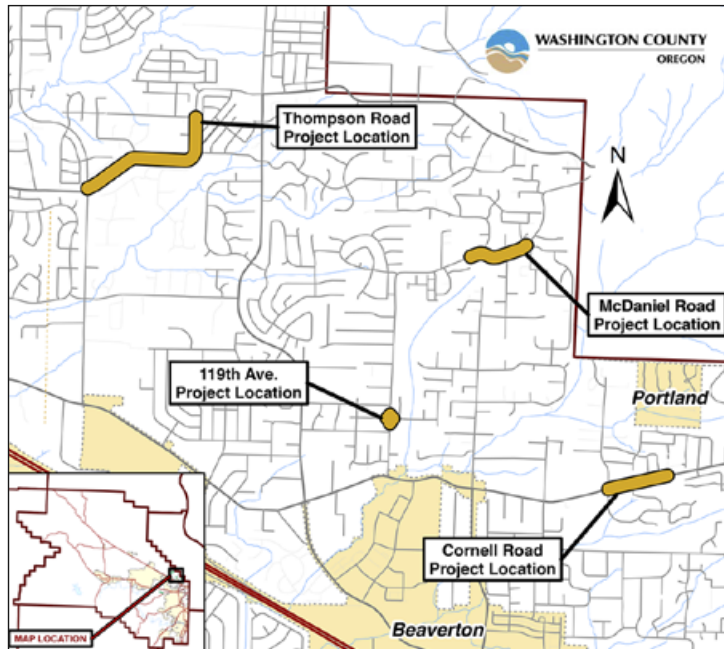
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## Cedar Mill road projects beginning soon

Several pedestrian and bicycle improvements that were approved last year are finally going out to bid. Construction is expected to begin in late August with anticipated substantial completion in November 2015.

The projects are [Urban Road Maintenance District \(URMD\)](#) Safety Improvement Projects selected by the URMD Advisory Committee. The four Cedar Mill area projects are:

- Construct a pedestrian path on the north side of Thompson Road between Evergreen St. and 143rd
- NW 119th Avenue at NW Lovejoy Street Intersection: The 119th Avenue at Lovejoy project was originally described as pedestrian crossing. The description has changed to pedestrian improvements. The project will construct curb ramps on the east side of the intersection.
- Construct a widened shoulder on the south side of NW McDaniel Road from NW Harding Court to an existing path near NW Arnott Lane



### CPO 1 changes meeting dates

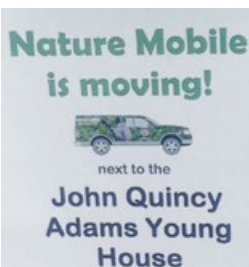
Tuesday, September 17, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall

[Citizens Participation Organization #1](#), representing Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills, will begin meeting on the third Thursday of each month beginning in September. We always take a month off in August.

### NatureMobile moves to JQA Young park

Fridays 12:30-2:30 pm through September 4

The popular Tualatin Hills Parks Nature Mobile that has been visiting Jackie Husen Park this summer, has moved to a new location adjacent to the JQA Young House at NW Cor-



nell and 119<sup>th</sup>. Activities for kids are offered free. For more information, contact THPRD at 503-629-6350.

### Leedy Grange Flea Market on hold

We're in the midst of restructuring our market and will be back to serve the community this fall. If you have a love for crafts, markets, and would like to share your ideas with our Market Committee, please email [3petersfamily@gmail.com](mailto:3petersfamily@gmail.com) to be put in touch with the committee. We'll see you soon!

Members are planning now for an Open House and Doggie Parade on Saturday, September 26. They are also offering free space for local merchants wanting to promote themselves to the community. Email Cynthia at [danceteachers@aol.com](mailto:danceteachers@aol.com).

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Water Quality, continued from page 1 will install another overflow pipe to allow the area to drain better. We will also revegetate with native wetland plants and hydro-seed the disturbed areas to protect against future erosion.

*Did you have to wait until the dry season to work on a permanent fix?*

To the extent possible, this type of work is done during dry weather to minimize impacts to the creek and wetlands.

*Was the facility built by the developers of Bauer Oaks? Did they do a good job, or was their construction any part of the problem?*

This facility was constructed as a requirement for development of Bauer Oaks, and is owned by Bauer Oaks HOA. Its purposes are to improve water quality and drainage by filtering pollut-

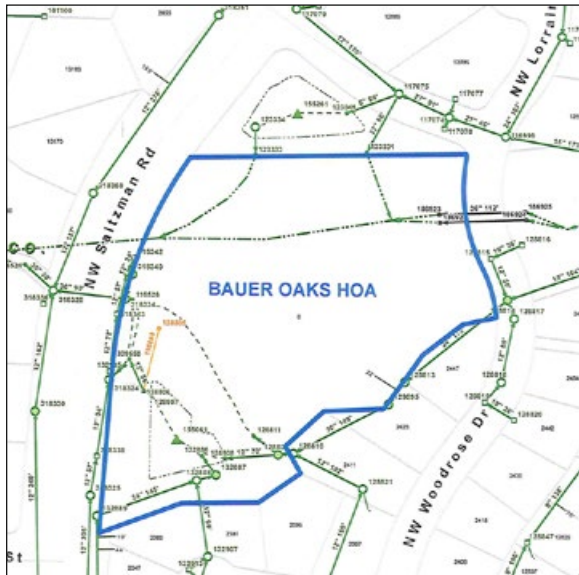
ants from stormwater runoff and detaining the water after storms. *is a "water quality facility," and only the area west of Saltzman is a "wetland?"*

This area surrounds a tributary of Willow Creek, and there are



*Replanting began as soon as excavation was complete. The green sprayed material now visible is the "hydro-seed."*

multiple wetlands, as in all our local watersheds. Wetlands are identified as part of the development process, which requires analysis and permit-



ting by state and federal agencies (Division of State Lands and Corps of Engineers). Even areas that have not gone through an official wetlands delineation process, generally associated with development, might be wetlands.

*What's the approximate budget for this work?*

*Does any of that come from the HOAs?*

This routine maintenance of a facility that is privately owned but maintained by Clean Water Services is funded by ratepayers. Our Field Operations Division budgets for two or three such maintenance projects per year, in addition to the routine maintenance we perform on 720 publicly-maintained water quality facilities throughout unincorporated Washington County. This particular project will cost approximately \$15,000.

*I've been interested to see the developing strategies for water management in CWS. How do you learn how to do this stuff? It's not the traditional way of managing storm*

*water, is it? How unique is CWS in the US?*

Clean Water Services is recognized for innovations in stormwater management, but most utilities are striving to improve storm water management strategies for water quality, habitat improvements, and cost savings. It's particularly challenging as communities become more densely developed and unprecedented storm patterns deliver unpredictable amounts of precipitation.

*Was the facility designed to accommodate all the future growth upstream? Now that the "economy is recovering," Bonny Slope is just teeming with new construction on that Willow Creek drainage. Is this, along with the Water Quality tracts included in new development, going to be able to handle big rainstorms?*

Development standards continue to evolve and generally address only impacts due to the project being permitted. This facility was not intended nor required to provide for all potential runoff from upstream development. The facility provides amenities and benefits for people and wildlife, in addition to stormwater management.

*I walked on the little trail on the south side. Is that acceptable public access? Is there any way that could be extended to become a public trail? It's becoming such a beautiful area, and we're so short of trails in our neighborhoods — any way to connect to The Bluffs Park? Even a picnic bench at the terminus of the trail would be a very nice amenity for neighbors...the view of the north end of the area — kind of a little pond — is really pretty!*

This is private property so any discussion of trails would be up to the HOA.

Steve concludes with this, "Everything we do at Clean Water Services aims to protect public

health, while enhancing the natural environment of the Tualatin River Watershed. Combining science and nature, we work in partnership with others to safeguard the river's health and vitality, ensure the economic success of our region, and protect public health for more than 550,000 residents and businesses in urban Washington County."

CWS and these efforts are another example of how our "service districts" provide the infrastructure that those of us in the Urban Unincorporated Areas of Washington County need to live comfortably without a city!

\*Nutria are an invasive, non-native species that are not protected by Oregon law. Rumor has it that a Bonny Slope resident tried raising them in the '30s for fur, gave up on the enterprise, and the remaining critters found a happy home in our wetlands. See the [ODFW site](#) for more information.

## Sunset summer play

Friday August 7, 7 pm, and Saturday August 8, 2 pm and 7 pm, Alpenrose Dairy Farm Opera House, 6149 SW Shattuck Road

Once On This Island, Jr., features more than 50 cast members in a fun, dance-filled, original theatrical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's popular fairy tale, "The



Little Mermaid." Admission is \$5. Note that the Sunset auditorium is being renovated this summer, thanks to the recently passed bond measure, so this performance is taking place at Alpenrose.



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Their product lines include the most respected names in state-of-the-art document management software and office technology. POA is recognized nationally for its sales, service, and customer support. They are the largest private dealership in the nation, and the world's largest dealer for Konica Minolta copiers, printers, faxes, and multifunctional devices. They're

notes that, "We have built our business off every customer size, from small/home office, to mid-size, to large Fortune 100 companies. With our dealer network, we can also provide service nationally and internationally."

Pitassi explained that, as office technology has developed over that last 40 years, the lines between copiers, printers, and other essential document-handling devices has



Doug Pitassi in one of several "demo rooms" in the headquarters building.

blurred. And in recent years, software is increasingly part of the increased efficiency of the modern office. "We are instrumental in the transformation of offices moving towards a digital platform. We offer document management, software, security, fax services, and of course IT Services. We offer a 24/7 monitoring and help desk, on-site support, project planning, and ongoing advice." By remotely monitoring customer equipment,

they can prevent breakdowns that interrupt a customer's workflow. How great is that?

A customer such as OHSU needs increased security measures to protect patient information. Copiers now have the capability to store information, so cards and codes need to be used to ensure that anyone accessing them has the proper authentication.

Information Technology (IT) management has become an increasingly important component of the business. They found that since they were already performing these tasks for some of their customers, that they could effectively offer it as a stand-alone service to businesses who found that challenging.

Pitassi says, "Our technical department has 240+ employees. POA has two full-time trainers to train our staff. We also have a "train the trainers" program with our manufacturers. Depending on who needs the training, it could be held here at branch support, or we have the trainer travel to one of the branches. For some of the larger and more



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complicated equipment, it can take up to five weeks to become certified! The training department is certified



POA harvests reusable parts from "dead" equipment that comes in from customers, and also deconstructs the unusable parts into components that can be recycled.

to train our people on 100+ models! We are constantly developing new courses and have plans to expand to be able to provide training in managed print services, IT services, etc."

Their repair staff travels to cus-

Online repair tickets and scheduling is available to existing clients via their website.

Pitassi and his Executive Assistant, Kristine Draper, oversee POA's advertising and marketing, and works with two outside companies to achieve their goals. Appearance handles social media, online marketing and e-commerce. Fish Marketing handles radio, TV and print. One of their more visible forms of marketing is their partnership with the Portland Trailblazers.

In 2013, Konica Minolta awarded Terry Newsom with its Lifetime Achievement Award for his business acumen, along with "his extensive community involvement and charitable contributions, particularly involving athletic scholarships and programs for children." Among other local projects, they have been a major benefactor



Constant training is a major way that POA supports employees, with an in-house staff and also trainers from all of their equipment suppliers.

tomers locations and also handles larger jobs in the facility. They welcome new repair clients who bought their equipment elsewhere. They encourage anyone that needs labor, cleaning, supplies, or just general support to give them a call.

to Sunset High's sports programs and facilities. And, of course, they print this paper!

For more information, visit the website at <http://pacificoffice.com>, or call 503-601-2228.

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get a sports physical, we will donate \$10 back to the athletic department at the school the student attends. If that program ran last year that would have been between one and two thousand dollars to Cedar Mill schools!

Legacy GoHealth has five other convenient locations around the region, and all provide on-site X-ray, laboratory services, and care for a variety of illnesses and injuries. The centers also accept most commercial insurance, Medicare, Oregon Health Plan, workers' compensation and offer affordable same-day rates for those without health insurance, to ensure that all people are able to receive the highest level of medical care.

### Collage & acrylic painting workshop

Saturday, August 22, Linda Sawaya's studio, Bonny Slope

Local artist Linda Dalal Sawaya is teaching this one-day art workshop—a fun exploration combining collage with acrylic paint. Magazine images or personal photos are the starting point for a very personal expression that can be provocative, funny, beautiful, nostalgic, symbolic, as you like.

Linda says, "We explore a variety of acrylic paint techniques, how to integrate collage images with paint, and how to transform images from one idea into another."

This is a FUN, creative opportunity for artists of any experience level. One or more finished pieces will be created by the end of the day. Space is limited to a small group, allowing for individual attention.



*A collage created during one of Sawaya's workshops*

Art materials, refreshments, and healthy snacks are provided. Workshop cost is \$105; early registration is \$75. For early registration, pay via Paypal by August 8, and receive a \$30 discount. For questions and further information, contact Linda at [linda@lindasawaya.com](mailto:linda@lindasawaya.com)

For more about the artist, visit [lindasawaya.com](http://lindasawaya.com).

### Yoga Teacher Training Information Session

Tuesday, August 25, 7 pm, Santosha Yoga studio, 4876 NW Bethany Blvd.

If you have been thinking about becoming a certified yoga teacher, or if you want to spend time studying and practicing yoga on a deeper level, you are invited to come to a no-commitment Information Session about the upcoming training beginning in September. For more information,

contact Jodi Bean, 503-372-9825 or [jodi.bean@yahoo.com](mailto:jodi.bean@yahoo.com).

Santosha also invites you to plan to attend their "Global Mala" event to celebrate Yoga Month. Everyone is invited to join them in 108 "Sun Salutations" in the public area of Bethany Village near the fountain on Sunday, September 20.

### Open House & Free Preview Music Class

Saturday, August 15, Westside Music School, 1800 NW 167th Place #110, just off NW Cornell Road.

Parents and students thinking about starting music lessons this fall are invited to try a free sample music class. Classes offered include, Toddler Tunes (ages 1-1/2-3), Music in Me (ages 3-5), Harmony Road (ages 5-7), Young Musician (ages 6-8), Keyboard Prep (ages 9-12), and Musical Moments (adult recreational piano). Age-appropriate class activities will include singing, ear training, rhythm, movement, piano/keyboard, music reading activities, and creativity (improvisation, composition). To reserve a spot in the appropriate sample class, call the school office at 503-533-5100.

### New Instructors

Director Claudia Reinsch is happy to announce that the following new instructors have joined Westside: Christopher Swanson teaching violin, Josh Killingsworth with voice, and Erik Aanestad teaching guitar and piano. For more information, visit the website [westsidemusicsschool.org](http://westsidemusicsschool.org).

### Conservation tour and barbecue

September 19, starting at 10 am, Spiesschaert's farm, 3150 NW Thatcher Road in Forest Grove

Did you see the Fourth of July Parade in Hillsboro? They brought along old Claudia Chinook from Polk Soil and Water Conservation District for the ride... and she won a Judges Award!

Claudia will make a special appearance at our 10th Annual Conservation Tour & BBQ! Join us for the usual conservation project tours, plus all-new family fun. No need to RSVP this year (although Judy is always happy to hear from you) - lunch will be available until it is gone!

Details online at [swcd.net/bbq/](http://swcd.net/bbq/)

### Viva Villages for senior independence and community

August 6, 6-8 pm, McMenamin's Pub at 2927 SW Cedar Hills Blvd

All are welcome to join Viva Village for a time of socializing and community building. Come and join in the fun.

Viva Village volunteers are currently conducting a short, online Needs Assessment Survey and hope to include as many potential Village members as possible. Participation in the survey does not require any commitment beyond responding to the questions asked. If you would like to take part, you may do so anonymously, or you may choose to identify yourself and be eligible for a drawing for a free Starbucks card.

To participate, email [VivaVillageOR@gmail.com](mailto:VivaVillageOR@gmail.com) and provide your email address so the link to the survey can be mailed to you.

### Washington County Master Recycler course

Eight consecutive Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 pm, starting on September 9, plus two Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm, September 19 and October 17, Washington Street Center 225 S. First Avenue, Hillsboro. \$50 fee.

Join 30 recycling enthusiasts for an eight-week course, where you will learn from innovative leaders about topics such as sustainable consumption, fixing and reuse, the sharing community, toxics reduction, green building, recycling and compost processing, and the global markets in which recyclables are bought and sold.

### Back to School Savings Strategies

According to the National Retail Federation, the typical family is expected to spend over \$600 on school supplies, clothing and gadgets for each of their kids! Here are some ideas from Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union to help you with some back-to-school savings:

Partner with another family or two to buy supplies in bulk. Then, split the cost and the supplies.

Let your kids raid the home-office supplies, then personalize them in unique ways. For example, decorate inexpensive plain, white binders with digital photos by creating a collage and inserting the page into the plastic outer cover.

Host a back-to-school swap. Round up a couple of other moms with kids the same gender as yours but different ages, and host an annual clothes swap. Trade toys and books, too! You'll save a bundle.

No teen likes to hear "clothing" and "budget" in the same sentence. Instead, tell your kid that this year she'll have a clothing allowance and can choose how it's spent (while you retain veto power, of course). Teach her that if she splurges on, say, pricey boots and a couple of pairs of skinny jeans, she'll have to shop the sale rack for everything else. Also, consider setting aside a percentage of the funds. That way she'll have money left over for any new must-have item.

A good way to teach your kids the value of money is to open their own special account like the Sunny Savers Account (for kids up to 12 years old) or the iSave Account (for teenagers) offered by Sunset Credit Union. Sunset Credit Union serves people who live, work or attend school in Cedar Mill. To learn more about Sunset Credit Union, visit their website at [sspfcu.com](http://sspfcu.com) or stop by their office at 1100 NW Murray Blvd.

Join a team of over 1,400 [Master Recyclers](#) making a difference from Forest Grove to downtown Portland, St. Johns to Sandy. Master Recyclers are a volunteer corps who inspire neighbors and coworkers into taking action around waste reduction by recycling and composting more.

Tour recycling centers, compost facilities and hazardous and municipal waste sites to see firsthand how these systems work. Connect to resources and learn skills that will lead to meaningful change for you and your community. Earn Master

Recycler Certification by attending this course and volunteering 30 hours. Partial and full scholarships are available without extra application requirements.

[Registration is open](#) for the September/October 2015 Washington County course.

## Rural Living Field Day 2015

Saturday, August 22, 8:30 am -2 pm, Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island.

Rural Living Field Day is a fun event for rural landowners who have a variety of land uses. The event features speakers addressing issues that face rural homeowners, farmers, and land managers every day. Topics include attracting birds, forests, meadowscaping, invasive weeds, orchards, septic systems, riparian restoration, crops and soil health, and rainwater management.



The location of the event will give participants the opportunity to visit a stream riparian area, a woodland stand, an orchard, a working organic farm and barn. Folks will participate in some hands-on demonstrations and will be able to ask the experts about specific concerns during the break-out sessions. Whether you're a seasoned landowner or just starting your own farm, this is the event for you!

This year the event is sponsored by West Multnomah, Tualatin and Columbia Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and the Oregon Small Woodland Association. Our partners include the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, the Oregon Forest Resource Institute, the Skyline Ridge Neighborhood Association and the Sauvie Island Community Association.

For more information about Rural Living Field Day, contact Carolyn Lindberg at West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, 503.238.4775, ext. 101 or [carolyn@wmswcd.org](mailto:carolyn@wmswcd.org)

To register, visit the [West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District website](#). The cost is \$15 per person or \$20 for families. Morning beverages and snacks are included, as well as a catered lunch!

## Master Gardeners classes

Saturday, August 8, 10 am, Jenkins Estate Learning Gardens, 8005 Grabhorn Road in Aloha

Oregon State University Master Gardener Ron Spendal will teach a class about Mason Bees. Learn the life cycle, nesting habits and management of these important pollinators.

Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 9:30 am, Demonstration Gardens at the Washington County Fairgrounds, 873 N.E. 34th Ave. in Hillsboro.

OSU Extension Service Urban and Community Horticulture Instructor Dr. Pukhraj Deol will

talk about building good garden soil, the foundation of a healthy and sustainable garden. Attendees can bring a soil sample from their gardens for analysis. Deol will share research-based, thrifty and environmentally friendly methods of improving your garden soil.

## Beaverton Night Market vendors wanted

Saturday, September 12, 5-10 pm, South Plaza of The Round (12600 SW Crescent), just off the Beaverton Central MAX stop

The City of Beaverton is seeking applications from food, craft and international merchandise vendors interested in participating in the first-ever Beaverton Night Market. The Night Market will create a vibrant, intercultural, family-friendly space that is reminiscent of night markets around the world. The market strives to offer a culturally diverse gathering space with traditional cultural cuisines and colorful crafts for families of all backgrounds in Beaverton. This

year's market will have openings for about 15 vendors to share their products and cultural traditions with the Beaverton community.

For more information, contact Alexis Ball, Equity Outreach Coordinator, at 503-526-2503 or [equity@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:equity@BeavertonOregon.gov).

## Washington County looks at the parking code

The "[Rightsizing the Parking Code](#)" project is evaluating the County's parking standards for new development in unincorporated areas. The project is focused on supporting and sustaining vibrant, walkable, and transit-supportive Town Centers and Station Communities.

The one-year project, funded by a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant from the state, is starting with the formation of a stakeholder work group to provide input and review the project team's work. If you are interested in being a part of the stakeholder work group, contact the project team in the county's Land Use and Transportation Department at [parking-codestudy@co.washington.or.us](mailto:parking-codestudy@co.washington.or.us)

## Help them find you!

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters responding to calls have noticed several homes in the community that do not have visible addresses. Having a visible address is vital to emergency responders' ability to find the home where an emergency is taking place. Every second counts in the case of a fire or medical emergency. Being able to quickly locate the correct address can mean the difference between life and death.

Cedar Mill residents can help. Take a look at the address numbers on your home. Address numbers should be four inches tall and half an inch wide. They should also be in a color that contrasts with your house color so that they stand out and can be easily seen at night.

Look at your address from the street to make sure it is visible. We recommend moving or trimming shrubbery or branches that cover your address number. Remove any other obstacles blocking those numbers. If your home is set back or not visible from the street, post your address at the beginning of your driveway.

If you are considering a low-cost,

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Make sure your home is bolted to the foundation to decrease the chance of collapse. Strap down your water heater. If it falls over, it can start a fire. Bolt bookshelves and tall furniture to the wall. Move heavy objects to low shelves. Those items can become projectiles in a major earthquake.

Know your neighbors so you can check on each other and make a plan with your family.

In a Cascadia earthquake, lines of communication you are used to (cell phone, texting, email, and other internet sources) may be tied up or destroyed. In other words, figure out how you're going to connect as if it was 1900!

## Israeli Folk Dancing

Monday, August 24, 7:30 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman, \$6 admission

Enjoy learning easy and fun Israeli folk dances and open dancing, brought to you by Sue Wendel and Friends. For details please see PIFD News at [sites.google.com/site/pifd-news](http://sites.google.com/site/pifd-news) or email [pifdnews@gmail.com](mailto:pifdnews@gmail.com)

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