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## School district lets county decide on development's impact on schools

School capacity box left blank in service provider letter

By Mary D. Edwards

In our July issue, we explored the impact of Thompson Woods, a development of 235 houses off NW Thompson Road near Hibbard. We looked at the development from an environmental standpoint—loss of trees and wildlife habitat—and also described the lack of parkland other than a mandated stream-side riparian zone/walking path that falls to the Tualatin Parks and Recreation District to maintain. That development has begun with the removal of most trees and preliminary grading. No date has been set for the walking/biking path to be built along Ward Creek, potentially the only green space in the area.

In this issue we look at the impact of the additional students on the area schools: Bonny Slope Elementary, Cedar Park Middle School and Sunset High School. We will also look at the process whereby the

Critical services: water, sewer, drainage, fire protection and access to neighborhood roads;

Essential services: schools, access to highways and regional trails, police protection, street lighting, on-site pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the public right of way; and

Desirable services: public transportation service, traffic calming (slowing) devices, other community trails, pedestrian connectivity areas and off-site pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Notice that schools are considered “essential,” not “critical” services. Of course, that doesn't mean BSD doesn't have a say in a development. It does. In the hierarchy of development applications, schools rank near the top after traffic and density impacts.

It's apparent then, that the district's voice is vital to the hearing officer's decision. But BSD didn't

express itself clearly on this development. In fact, BSD likewise didn't indicate one way or the other whether a 54-lot subdivision approved in April 2015, for 201 apartments at Kaiser Road and NW Brugger Road, would

overcrowd schools. It's a simple process: check one of two boxes that says “service level is adequate” or “service level is inadequate” on the official service provider letter (SPL) that the district submits on development applications.

Instead of taking a stand, BSD attached a letter pointing out that the affected schools “will likely be at or above capacity when these projects

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Trees have been cleared and preliminary grading is underway at Arbor's Bonny Slope West development. Ward Creek lies below.

Beaverton School District (BSD) weighs in on developments, and the hand the district has in shaping not only area schools, but housing growth in the part of Washington County it serves.

### Schools aren't critical

When the Washington County Department of Land Use and Planning approves a development, a hearings officer must address three main factors:

## CPAH moves forward with affordable housing for Cedar Mill

By Virginia Bruce

Last July we wrote about the [plans for an affordable housing development](#) at the long-vacant corner

of Murray and Cornell. [Community Partners for Affordable Housing](#)

(CPAH) is currently applying for the necessary combination of funding from a variety of sources to come up with the

approximately \$11 million needed to complete the project.

They just submitted a \$1.2 million grant application for [Washington County's HOME program](#), which allocates federal resources

to agencies developing affordable housing projects. They also applied to Oregon Housing and Community Services for 9% [Low Income Housing](#)



Concept rendering of the CPAH Cedar Mill project, looking west from Cornell

[Tax Credits \(LIHTCs\)](#), a federal program that provides tax credits to investors who loan money for construction of affordable housing.

They are working on several more applications for funding from

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## A marijuana shop in Cedar Mill?

By Virginia Bruce

In September of last year, Sherwood resident Sheri Ralston held a [Neighborhood Meeting](#) at a small house on Dale Ave., just south of Cornell, to talk with neighbors about her proposed business. She is one of the owners of Western Oregon Botanicals, a company based in Newberg that both grows and sells marijuana products for medical and recreational use.

In a [July 2015 article](#) in Pamplin Media's Newberg Graphic, Ralston's testimony before the Newberg Planning Commission was quoted, “I think that my age (55), my business and my concern about it being run quietly and efficiently and working with the city on it will benefit the medical marijuana business and just (offset) the stigma,” Ralston said.

Ralston bought the Dale Ave. house in August 2015, and rented it as a residence until she was ready to move forward with the marijuana

business there. After the Neighborhood Meeting, she continued to develop her plans, and submitted her development application in February 2016. It was deemed complete and was accepted by Washington

County Land Use and Transportation in July. The complete application, with building plans and specifications, is on file at the Cedar Mill Library. Check with the reference desk to view the docu-

ment.

A small storm of protest erupted among neighbors and others who don't believe the facility belongs there, as the public comment period neared its end. Opinions expressed on a NextDoor discussion ranged from vehement opposition to marijuana legalization altogether, to fears of crime, to worries about children being exposed to the now-legal substance. Ever-present parking and traffic worries were also an issue.

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# Cedar Mill Business Roundup

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

## Fourth Annual DuFresne's Coat Drive

The need has never been greater and it's never been easier to make a difference in your community. Here is your opportunity to make sure that nobody goes without such a basic necessity as a coat for winter.

DuFresne's Auto Service is collecting new or clean and gently used coats and jackets during the month of November. All coats will be donated to the "Portland Rescue Mission." Donors will receive a coupon for \$5 worth of service for the first coat donated and \$2 for any others donated with a maximum of \$50.

## New Heights hosts "Civil War Game" party

Nov. 26, Doors open one hour before kickoff, New Heights Physical Therapy, 13306 NW Cornell

New Heights Physical Therapy is throwing a Civil War Party (Oregon Ducks vs. Oregon State Beaver game)! This is a FREE event with free snacks, drinks and prizes! Come watch the Civil War game on the big screen with them! RSVP at [events@newheightstherapy.com](http://events@newheightstherapy.com) or call 971-339-3405.



## Nicoletta's Caffé now open at OCAC

The Oregon College of Art and Craft is very excited to announce that their popular on-campus restaurant has reopened as Nicoletta's Caffé. It will be the second location of Nicoletta's Table, a neighborhood

trattoria and market located in Lake Oswego.

The cafe will be open Monday-Friday, 8 am-3 pm and will serve breakfast and lunch. Nicoletta's specializes in authentic Italian food, and the menu will include coffee, sandwiches, pasta, pizza and salads!

## OCAC Juried exhibition

Nov. 3-20, Wed.-Sun., 11am-5 pm, Hoffman Gallery, 8245 SW Barnes

The juried Oregon College of Art & Craft Student Exhibition offers a glimpse at the new artistic directions of OCAC's degree and continuing education students. Innovative approaches, stylized techniques and personal imagery contribute to pieces ranging from utilitarian to conceptual to autobiographical. Opening Reception Nov. 3, 4 pm.

## Pharmaca offers health and beauty classes

Various dates, Timberland Pharmaca store

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information visit [www.pharmaca.com](http://www.pharmaca.com). Get \$5 off your next \$20 purchase when you attend one of these events! Ask a team member for details. Are you a senior 60 and over? Shop Pharmaca every Tuesday and get 10% off your purchase! Sat. Nov. 5, 12-6 pm

**Spa Day Event:** Say ahh... and let the pampering begin! See what's new in natural beauty and enjoy a mini-facial as well! Test out products, take home free samples, and save up to \$20 on your purchase! Wednesday Nov. 11, 2-6 pm

**Men's Health Awareness** with Sophia Worgan, MsCN and Cordelia Apple, NTP. Get customized advice just for him! The presenters will talk about optimizing men's nutrition, and maintaining health and wellness at every age. Sat. Nov. 12, 2-5 pm

**Beauty Experience Saturday:** Come explore Derma E's earth-friendly, highly effective natural skin care offerings. Get product recommendations and take home samples! Sat., Nov. 19, 2-5 pm

**Beauty Experience Saturday:** Holiday Glam with Christine Rouches and Alicia Valdez, Estheticians. Come get "done up" for the holidays with lashes, lips and shimmer! \$20 fee; please call ahead to

reserve your spot.

Tuesday Nov. 22, 11am-1 pm

## Senior Tuesday Health Fair:

Supporting Digestion with Lisa Powell, Nutritionist, Dr. Angela Hagerman, ND, and Dr. Erica Zelfand, ND. Learn how you can improve your digestion. Plus take home free samples from Designs for Health, Enzymedica and Wishgar-den Herbs!

## SendOutCards offers workshop

Wed., Nov. 9, 11:30-1:30, Sunset Credit Union's Board Room, 1100 NW Murray

The holiday card season is fast approaching. Cedar Mill Business Association member, Lori Bitter of SendOutCards, can make it more fun, fast, affordable and very personal! Enjoy a Free Holiday Card Workshop to create Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years card campaigns! Bring your laptop, digital photos and questions.

Feel free to bring your lunch while we learn about Campaign Cards and create! Free to attend. If you do not have a SendOutCards account, contact Lori before the workshop so she may send you a link to her Smart Phone App to try out the service for free.

We like to keep the workshops small for hands-on help, if needed. Please RSVP to Lori Bitter at 971-570-6248 or [CardsbyLoriBitter@gmail.com](mailto:CardsbyLoriBitter@gmail.com). More workshops available in other areas, contact Lori if you are interested but this date doesn't work for you.

## Village Gallery News

Reception: Sunday, Nov. 13, 2-4 pm, Village Gallery next to the Cedar Mill Library

## November

**Featured Artist:** Kathryn Delany. Delany has moved from traditional pastel, acrylics/mixed media toward a digital medium. Her Nov. show focuses on figurative studies and stories with women goddesses and their muses. Some of her works in this show are pure digital paint, and

others have traditional collage added to them. She loves saturated, strong and bold color.

## Evening Hours On Thursdays

Village Gallery will offer extended hours on Thursdays and remain open from 4-7 pm during Nov. and Dec. (except for Thanksgiving Day.) Visit them for affordable original art, crafts, jewelry and cards by local artisans as you shop for holiday gifts.

## November classes

For complete details on all classes please visit [www.villagegalleryarts.org](http://www.villagegalleryarts.org)

Kristi Roberts: **Children's Art Classes**, weekly Mon. or Wed. afternoons, ages 7-14.

Brooke Walker -Knoblich:

**Color Theory for Oils & Acrylics**, Thurs. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 2-5 pm

Walker's scientific approach to color tackles the Munsell chart and color wheel systems, examines how the human eye perceives color and breaks down the behavior of light. Students can expect discussions and demonstrations on the interactions and harmonies within specific pigments, choosing paint brands and hues, identifying temperature relationships, asking correct questions to match a premixed color, and achieving both vibrant and subtle variations with simple palettes.

Annie Salness: **Building Fundamentals of Oil and Acrylic II**, Thurs. Nov. 3, 10 & 27, 10 am-1 pm

For intermediate students. Further focus on building the fundamentals of painting including drawing, value, composition and color. There will be several demonstrations, exercises and individual attention. Along with exercises there will be homework or practice so that you will be able to approach or complete a painting by the end of class.

Jo Reimer:

## Collage Boot

**Camp**, Sat., Nov. 5, 10 am-4 pm

An art introductory workshop for artists of any skill level who

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## Need a sidewalk? Comment now on safety improvements

Help the Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee select safety improvements to be funded in 2017-18. View and comment on the top candidates through an [interactive map](#). The [URMD Safety Improvement program](#) has funded more than 30 small safety projects in the last five years. Deadline for comment is Nov. 11.

If you have a location where a small safety project could make a big difference, and you don't see it on the map, [here's the form to propose a new one](#).

## Sunset Theatre presents Twelfth Night

November 11, 12, 18 & 19, 7:30 pm, Sunset High School Auditorium, 13840 NW Cornell Rd. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, and \$5 children 6-12, children under 5 are free. See below for ticket info.

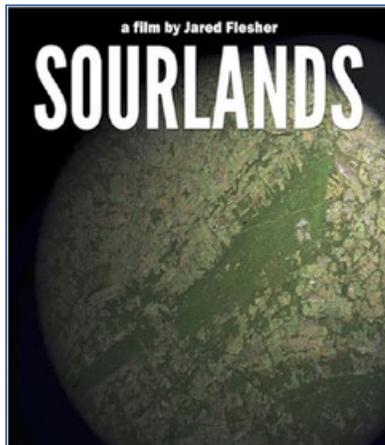
Twelfth Night, or What You Will, is a comedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written around 1601-02 as a Twelfth Night's entertainment for the close of the Christmas season. The play centers on the twins Viola and Sebastian, who are separated in a shipwreck. Viola (who is disguised as a boy) falls in love with Duke Orsino, who in turn is in love with the Countess Olivia.

Seating is limited to 150 seats per performance. Purchase tickets online at [shstheatre.seatyourself.biz](#) or at the door. For more information, please contact Sunset High School at 503-356-2960.

## Eat Smart movie series screens 'Sourlands'

Sat., Nov. 19, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman Rd.

This month's film pits New Jersey farmers against an exploding deer population, invasive plants,



habitat destruction and increasingly erratic weather. But it's a film that presents a hopeful message: local engineers team with the farmers to seek new ways to save energy, stop global warming, and improve the farm's financial situation. These are challenges faced throughout the world, including here in Oregon.

Films are free, but donations for Homeplate Youth Services, a local organization helping homeless youth in Washington County, are accepted. For November, new items are needed for Homeplate's Christmas gift program for teens to both get and give to siblings or others in their lives.

## Newts have their day in the rain

Sat., Nov. 5, noon-4 pm, Tualatin Hills Nature Center, 15655 SW Millikan, Beaverton. Newt Day admission is \$2 per person (children 2 and under are free).

Newt Day is back! This family-friendly event is designed to inspire exploration of nature during the season when it is tempting to stay inside. Visitors of all ages are in-



vited to walk the grounds in search of these fascinating creatures, who enjoy seasonally wet weather more than most.

"Newts are happiest when it rains," said Karen Munday, environmental education program coordinator. "Rain or shine, we'll provide plenty to see and do. Visitors will learn what makes newts so special, why they love our winter weather, and which predator they fear most."

Visitors can learn about how newts survive in and out of water, evade predators and adapt to their environment. Newt Day activities are indoors and out, with a self-guided walk on five miles of trail at the 222-acre Tualatin Hills Nature Park, and exhibits and interactive activities in the park's nature center.

For more information, call

the Tualatin Hills Nature Center at 503-629-6350.



## Cedar Mill Garden Club sets the table

Wed., Nov. 16, 9:30 pm, Beaverton Community Center, 12350 SW 5th St., Beaverton

The Cedar Mill Garden Club will focus on centerpieces for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas at its annual floral design meeting. Last year we decorated pumpkins (see picture.) Members can bring a vase or container, clippers, gloves and materials to share such as greens, flowers, and interesting accents, such as mossy branches or dried material. The event is free to all interested gardeners.

For additional details about Cedar Mill Garden Club, please contact president Garnet Ascher, at 503-292-4460, check and like our Facebook page The Cedar Mill Garden Club, and/or our website at [thecedarmillgardenclub.org](#)

## Invasive plant removal at Lost Park

Sat., Nov. 19, 9-noon, Lost Park, NW 111th Ave. south of Rainmont Rd.

Help remove English ivy and Himalayan blackberry from the forested portions of Lost Park. Please bring a re-usable water bottle to drink from throughout the project. Tools, snacks and a water cooler will be provided. A second cleanup day is scheduled for Sat., Dec. 3, 9 to noon.

Volunteers are asked to register at [thprd.org/activities/nature/volunteer/park-improvement](#). Parking is along neighborhood streets, including NW Lost Park Drive, at the south entrance to the park.

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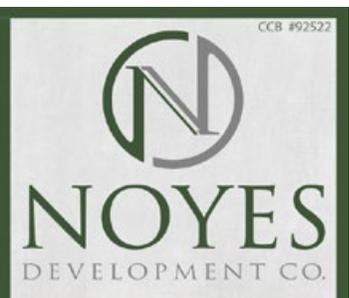
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Metro and other sources, and expect to make a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners in February 2017. They say that they expect the project to take two-three years from this pre-development and financing stage until it is fully constructed.

**CPAH's history**

Early in the 1990s, Father Loren Kerkof of St. Anthony Church in Tigard heard many stories of need from parishioners who came to the church's food pantry. Hard-working families with service jobs at minimum wage in the area were not able to afford to live nearby. Single mothers escaping abuse or addiction could not find housing they could afford. Father Loren made a call from the pulpit expressing the need for affordable housing for vulnerable populations in Tigard, and in 1993 a group of grassroots leaders took up the challenge and formed Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH).

The City of Tigard asked the group to take over a troubled apartment building, and it became their first project. Now called Greenburg Oaks, in 2006, the complex underwent a more than \$2.5 million renovation project.

Over time, CPAH has built partnerships in the community, with schools, police, libraries, churches, and a variety of social service partners, that help to stabilize and enrich the lives of the working poor, seniors and disabled individuals. CPAH currently owns eight affordable housing complexes and four single-family homes—372 total units in their portfolio. CPAH has successfully built new construction projects, as well as acquired and rehabilitated older, existing

properties.

Two more projects are now in the pipeline, a site in the Tigard Triangle at SW 68th Parkway, and the Cedar Mill site. Their recently completed Barcelona at Beaverton building provides 47 unites of affordable housing alongside RKM Development's La Scala project next door, which includes mixed-use, market-rate housing and commercial/retail space.

**Beyond housing**

Their mission is "to promote a healthy community through the development of permanent affordable housing, sustainable economic growth, and community-based partnerships. We are building housing, building hope, and building lives." They work with community partners to provide after-school activities and connect their residents with services to help them thrive. This summer, the CPAH Summer Youth Camps offered resident children a range of activities, including field trips and programs to keep them active and prevent summer learning loss. They also help residents navigate the complex world of obtaining health care and other services.

**Cedar Mill "gateway"**  
When Washington County issued its request for expressions of interest (RFEI) last year, one of the strong criteria was to provide a community gathering space that would support "a more active, pedestrian-friendly town center." The ground floor of the four-story residential building will include a community room that will be avail-

**CPAH will visit CPO 1 at the December 13 meeting to present information about the project, meet the community, and answer questions.**  
Tuesday, December 13, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall



High-quality construction and sustainable, attractive exteriors at The Barcelona exemplify CPAH's work

able for local groups.

A public plaza will connect the residential building with a retail segment that will be developed



Deputy Director Shannon Wilson and Executive Director Rachael Duke of CPAH are proud of the way The Watershed at Hillsdale is working in that community.

by RkM Development, Roy Kim's company. Kim is the developer of Bethany Town Centre and is already partnering with CPAH on the Beaverton project. Current plans are for a complex of small restaurants similar to what's been so successful in Bethany.

The residential building will include 45-60 units ranging from one to three bedrooms. Most of the resident families will have incomes of about 60% of Area Median Income. Eight units will be reserved for households qualifying for Section 8 vouchers, at 30% AMI.

Watch for more information about the project as it develops. And plan to attend the December CPO meeting (see sidebar) to meet CPAH principals and see updated plans.

**Washington County Museum events**

**Oregon's part in U.S. Chinese Exclusion Act**

Sat., Nov. 5, 1 pm, Washington County Museum, 120 E Main Street, Hillsboro. Free

The Chinese Exclusion Act restricted Chinese from immigrating to the United States from 1882-1943. The National Archives branch in Seattle holds thousands of Chinese Exclusion Act files on the Chinese living in Oregon. Patricia Hackett Nicola, who has been working as a volunteer with the Chinese Exclusion Act files in Seattle since 2001, will present documents found in select files, the history of the Act, and how to access the files. This program is made possible by the Oregon Historical Society, which hosted two exhibits on Chinese history in the United States and Oregon earlier this year. Visit [ohs.org](http://ohs.org) for more information. Rescheduled from our August Crossroads Lecture.

**Crossroads lecture series: Missoula flood effects today.**

Wed., Nov. 16, 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm), Washington County Museum. \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, members free.

Rick Thompson, president of the Lower Columbia Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute, will present a talk titled, "Lake Missoula Flood in Your Backyard." Rick will give an overview of what caused Glacial Lake Missoula, trace its path across eastern Washington and down the Columbia River Gorge, and then focus on the effects of the Flood in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington that are still visible today.

This Crossroads Lecture complements our traveling exhibit, "150 Years of Statehood; 150 Million Years in the Making" that illustrates how geology crafted Oregon's landscape and natural resources and continues to shape the land and lives of its citizens.

**Learn to dance, Bollywood style!**

Sat., Nov. 12, 10 am-noon, Washington County Museum. Free

Celebrate India with Bollywood Movez dance school, a mini dance workshop will take place at 10:30 am and noon. Try crafts and get a henna tattoo throughout event.

Free Family Mornings occur the second Saturday of each month, September-May from 10 am-1 pm



Kids from a CPAH development enjoy summer activities

BSD, continued from page 1 are completed.” Elementary and high schools’ capacity would be sufficient by 2017 and middle schools by 2020, it wrote. Until then the district said it would “continuously monitor enrollment and capacity at all schools and may, from time to time take additional actions to manage capacity related issues.”

Though BSD didn’t say so, hearings officer Joe Turner speculated in his approval for the project that those additional actions would be boundary adjustments. BSD, which has just begun the process for creating the boundary for the new Kaiser Road K-5 in North Bethany, has no plans to adjust any other elementary boundaries, said Robert

7, which is the official voice of the area’s residents, came out against the Kaiser/Brugger development on the capacity issue, also finding fault with BSD’s unwillingness to state its point of view, referring to “vague statements” in the district’s SPL.

In granting approval to that development, Turner remarked “the school district and the county should be discussing options to address the school capacity concerns in this area. However, the hearings officer has no authority to require such a discussion as a condition of approval.”

School capacity was touched on in the Thompson Woods development, along with negative impacts from construction traffic, destruction of trees and wildlife

habitat, the planned trail, and adequate notice for the public hearing. Only nine people spoke against the development at the May hearing.

Rules of the game

Ongoing residential development in Washington County is a given. With the popularity of the state and Metro area and the county’s long term planning goals, housing will replace farm and forest land within the Urban Growth Boundary. The question is, how will it be done. And how much say do current residents (and their school-age children) have. How will laws be applied that benefit one group or nega-

tively impact others? “I have always looked as land use as a type of game—with rules provided by the state and the county,” said Mary Manseau, Washington County Planning Commission member and Bethany resident, whose two children grew up in BSD. “Decisions are not based upon what is right for the community, but rather on whatever the rules allow. He who knows the rules best often is the winner of the game.

“Although we have tried to help BSD understand the rules, BSD feels like they are providing enough information to the county that the county is choosing to approve the applications.”

Because the school district won’t check the box regarding school capacity, Washington County has no recourse but approve these development applications. “Little can be done by the community, if the school district is unwilling to learn the rules of land use,” she said.

McCracken, district facilities planning manager.

Turner also pointed out that state law requires the district to accommodate students who will live in the new houses. But BSD doesn’t gauge capacity based on local schools’ space for children, but on the entire Beaverton School District. So, while logic says the new residents would go to Findley Elementary, the closest school, that’s not where BSD wants to send them. Instead they’ll be assigned to Bonny Slope Elementary, a bus ride away. And middle schoolers will go to Cedar Park, not Stoller Middle School, the closest option.

Room for more or not?

As it happens Turner was also the hearings officer for the Kaiser/Brugger Roads development. He took the district to task for the lack of box-checking on that development too, calling it “unfortunate as it created some uncertainty in this case.” Residents and the CPO



Advertisement for RockCreekCorner featuring a photo of a bird and produce, and text: 'RockCreekCorner where the country & city meet', 'All-ages dining room & patio', 'Local & sustainable ingredients', 'Home-grown produce & original recipes', 'Full bar, local craft beers and wines', '18515 NW West Union Rd', '503-645-8225', 'Visit RockCreekCorner.com or like us on Facebook!'.

Advertisement for Sunset Athletic Club featuring a photo of two children playing with blocks, and text: 'Sunset Athletic Club Cedar Mill's Outstanding, Family-Oriented, Sports, Fitness and Racquet Club', 'Across From Sunset HS', '503-645-3535', 'Locally Owned/Operated', 'www.SunsetAC.com', 'Kids Korner Child Care'.

Advertisement for Sunset Tire Factory featuring a photo of a car on a road, and text: 'GET A GRIP', 'SAVE NOW ON THE BEST TIRE BRANDS!', '503-643-6767', '301 NW Murray Blvd', 'Sunset TIRE FACTORY'.

Advertisement for Cornell Family Medicine featuring a photo of a doctor, and text: 'Healthcare for the Whole Family', 'Pediatric and adult care', 'Same-day appointments. Schedule online at our website or call us!', 'Ask us questions & view your medical information using our secure online portal.', 'Cornell Family Medicine Robert Barlow, MD', '12400 NW Cornell, Ste 200', '503-352-0211 • cornellfamilymedicine.com'.

Washington County Planning and Development Services Request for Statement of Service Availability For Schools. Includes fields for applicant information, project details, and service availability options.

## TriMet and ODOT partner to link Sunset Transit Center to Oregon Coast

Angela Murphy, Communications Coordinator, TriMet Public Affairs

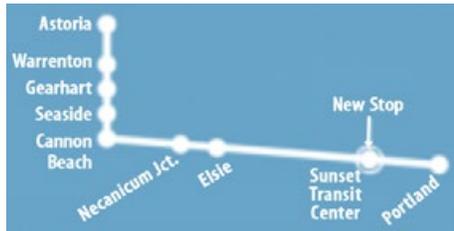
### New POINT intercity bus stop will connect TriMet riders to many north coast destinations

October 24 marked the beginning of a new bus connection at the Sunset Transit Center, but this service gets riders all the way to the Oregon Coast. TriMet, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) [POINT intercity bus service](#), has added a new stop at our second largest transit center, linking transit riders to this coastal connector along its Portland-Astoria route.

The POINT bus now stops at the Sunset Transit Center, located at 10470 SW Barnes Rd., four times per day, every day. This added stop now provides direct connections

for POINT riders traveling from the coast to all destinations in the greater Portland area via the MAX Blue and Red lines, five bus lines and the Forest Heights shuttle. This is the first time the POINT has served a TriMet transit center, providing improved regional connections.

Planning a trip to the coast from Sunset Transit Center? A few things



to know before you go:

The Sunset Transit Center Park & Ride tends to fill up by 7:30 am on weekdays and parking is limited to a maximum of 24 hours of use.

Parking: 630 total spaces; 589

regular spaces; 13 accessible/disabled spaces; 2 Quick Drop spaces – 10-minute parking for passenger loading/unloading only; 16 carpool spaces; 10 short-term parking spaces.

Check out TriMet's [Park & Ride page](#) for additional information and alternate parking locations.

### About POINT

The POINT's Astoria-Portland bus route provides daily service between Downtown Portland and the Northwest Oregon Coast. There are two trips per day in each direction. See the POINT [Schedule](#) page for more details.

POINT amenities include free Wi-Fi, power outlets, air condition-

ing and a restroom. Vehicles are wheelchair accessible and have space for luggage and bicycles. [Tickets](#) can be purchased from Amtrak by calling 1-800-872-7245, and through local independent ticket agents. POINT bus drivers do not sell tickets.

### Plan ahead

TriMet's online trip planner makes it easy to plan your trip on our buses and trains. Visit [trimet.org](#) on your computer or mobile device for complete transit information and to check [Transit Tracker](#) for the next arrivals.

## THPRD takes conservation seriously

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District is stepping up its efforts to conserve energy at its Beaverton-area facilities.

Earlier this year, the district joined a Strategic Energy Management (SEM) cohort. This free program, administrated by Energy Trust of Oregon, provides train-

site walkthroughs, provide toolkits and help us develop policy," said Katherine Stokke, THPRD's designated "energy champion."

That lofty moniker, bestowed upon her by Energy Trust of Oregon, carries with it some big responsibilities. Stokke oversees the implementation of new processes to help THPRD conserve energy.

"Conserving is challenging, especially at pools," she said. "You can take all of this theory of what you'd do to become more efficient, but you have air quality concerns to consider, or you run into challenges with the insulation. We're waiting to see larger savings."

The district earns cash incentives for electricity savings (2 cents/annual kilowatt hour saved) and natural gas savings (20 cents/annual therm saved) through operational and behavioral improvements at five THPRD locations

registered with the program: Sunset Swim Center (adjacent to Sunset High School), Cedar Hills Recreation Center, Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, Garden Home

Recreation Center, and Elsie Stuhr Center.

THPRD has established a nine-member energy team. Developing an employee team devoted to conservation earned the district its first of four \$1,000 incentives available to participants for reaching key milestones.

"We were the first organization in our cohort to apply," Stokke said. The energy team will help implement the SEM action plan and develop other energy-saving initiatives, including staff engagement and development of energy policy. "We want to get staff and patrons thinking about their role in energy savings and consumption," Stokke said.

She noted the relationship with Energy Trust of Oregon is paying huge dividends. Energy Trust has consulted with the district on many recent projects, including:

HVAC upgrades and improved insulation at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center. Building automation upgrades at the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex and other sites. Heating valve replacements at Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center.

New LED lights on athletic fields at Conestoga Middle School and the Southwest Quadrant Community Park currently under construction in Aloha.

"The tools and training that this program has provided helps us manage all of our resources more efficiently," Stokke said. "The incremental effect of many small improvements will soon amount to a pretty substantial reduction in energy."

### Beaverton Historical Society presents 'The Lighter Side of Lincoln'

Tues., Nov. 15, 7 pm, Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, 5550 SW Hall. Suggested donation: \$3 at the door.

Norm Brecke, a spirited storyteller who revels in telling a good story, will show the humorous side of our 16th president, including songs of Lincoln's period. An admirer of Abraham Lincoln since childhood, Brecke got his start in storytelling during his career as an elementary school teacher.

A professional storyteller since 2002, he has been featured at the Powellswood Garden Storytelling Festival, Seattle Art Museum, the American Library Association Conference in Anaheim, CA, and narrated with the Seattle Symphony. He has told stories all over the west from Vancouver, B.C. to Los Angeles. He often performs with his wife, Anne Rutherford, under their tandem telling name, The Oregon Tellers. Proceeds benefit the Beaverton Historical Society.



Alex Ragusa, HVAC technician for THPRD, works on a new energy management system for the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center. The computerized unit (on right) has replaced outdated mechanical equipment (on left). By sensing and adjusting the center's heating and cooling needs automatically, the new system will save the park district thousands of dollars per year. The Energy Trust of Oregon consulted with THPRD on the HVAC upgrade. Photo: Bob Wayt

ing and tools to help organizations consume energy more efficiently.

"Their contractors provide workshops, they do monthly calls with our maintenance techs, host

# Celebrate Locally! Shopping, Events, Connections...

## Charity collection at Artisan Market

Sat., Nov. 5, 9 am-2 pm, Leedy Grange, 835 NW Saltzman

Leedy Grange is collecting gifts for the HomePlate holiday store in Beaverton. The holiday store provides homeless young people the opportunity to practice generosity. This empowering activity can provide not only a happier holiday season for our youth and their families, but invests in supporting youth to be caring, generous and civically engaged citizens.

Please consider donating new, unwrapped gifts at the November Market. Suggested gifts: \$5 and \$10 gift cards to Fred Meyer, Target, Peet's Coffee, Subway, Regal Cinemas, Visa cash cards, cooking and baking utensils, tool kits, candles, travel mugs, lotion/soap sets, makeup kits, toys and crafts, pet gear, ear buds/headphones.

## Washington County Forum

Mondays, 11:30-1, Peppermill Restaurant in Aloha at 17455 SW Farmington Rd.

The Washington County Public Affairs Forum meets over lunch every Monday, September through June, (except holidays). There is no charge for admission. Doors open at 11:30 am, and the speakers start at noon. Lunch is available to order from the menu.

Following the speaker, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Asking questions of our speakers is a privilege of Forum membership.

Nov. 7: Claudia Steiner-Fricker, Outreach Program Coordinator, will discuss the Beaverton Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Nov. 14: Dr. Jim Moore, Pacific University, will review the election in a talk titled "It's over! What exactly happened, and what now?"

Nov. 21: No forum due to Thanksgiving holiday

Nov. 28: Bandana Shrestha will present AARP legislative goals and give an update on the Washington County Age-Friendly Survey results.

Dec. 5: Glenn Montgomery, Executive Director, Vision Action Network (VAN) gives an overview of Vision Action Network - Who We Are & What We do

## Cedar Mill Holiday Craft Bazaar

Nov 4-5, 9 am-6 pm, 1900 NW 143rd (off Cornell), Terra Linda Park Condos Rec Room.

Art, cards, jewelry, aprons, quilts, bags and gift ideas galore and all are handmade! There will be free cookies and coffee! Debit/credit are okay.

## Cornell Farm Holiday Wonderland

Open daily 9 am-6 pm (cafe open 7 am-6 pm), 8212 SW Barnes Road

Beginning November 5, the Cornell Farm Holiday Wonderland opens with fresh greens, wreaths, gorgeous houseplants, and all your holiday party decorations.

Their Pop-up Christmas Tree Farm opens November 22 with their largest ever selection of cut trees. Delivery and in-home setup (aka "The Marriage Saver") are also available.

All of this, plus the Farm's newly opened Farmhouse Cafe serving breakfast, lunch and espresso drinks, is set on their fourth-gener-

## Sheriff offices collect coats for needy

Through Friday, December 2, various locations.

Have a coat you don't need? Help needy foster children and their families by donating to Washington County's One Warm Coat community service project. Coats of all shapes and sizes are welcome. One Warm Coat is dedicated to distributing reusable coats, free of charge, directly to local children and adults. All donated coats will be given to Foster Closet, who will distribute them to foster children and foster families.

Bring your coats and jackets to one of the county sheriff's offices during their regular business hours: Sheriff's Office East Precinct and Washington County Elections, 3700 SW Murray Blvd., Beaverton (Mon-Fri, 8-5) or Sheriff's Office Bethany Precinct, 4576 NW Bethany Blvd, Suite L5, Portland (Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30).

One Warm Coat is a national non-profit organization that supports and encourages coat drives. More than one million coats have been provided to those in need at no cost since its inception in 1992

ation family farm just minutes west of Downtown Portland.

For more information call 503-292-9895 or visit [www.CornellFarms.com](http://www.CornellFarms.com).

## Tuesday Tea for Seniors: Holiday Treats

Tuesday, December 6, 10-11 am, New Seasons Cedar Hills Crossing, 3495 SW Cedar Hills Blvd

The Holiday Treats session brings you ideas for holiday treats with a little sass and a nutritional edge. The event is free; however, registration is required: [eventbrite.com/e/tuesday-tea-for-seniors-with-nsm-nutritionist-holiday-spice-tickets-26972499472](http://eventbrite.com/e/tuesday-tea-for-seniors-with-nsm-nutritionist-holiday-spice-tickets-26972499472).

Tuesday Tea for Seniors with a Nutritionist is offered on the first Tuesday of each month at the Cedar Hills Crossing store. For any general questions or help with registrations please call Jenny Bowns-Fears at the Cedar Hills store at 503-641-4181.

## Holiday Musical, "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle"

November 16-19, 2 pm, Alpenrose Dairy Opera House, 6149 SW Shattuck Road, \$5

Northwest Senior Theatre offers holiday songs, dancing, and merriment. Wheelchair/walker accessible, and lots of free parking. For more information email [bettymer@comcast.net](mailto:bettymer@comcast.net) or call 503-227-2003

## Second Edition Holiday Rollout

Saturday, November 19, 1-3:30 pm, Second Edition next to the Library, 12505 NW Cornell Road

Second Edition Resale hosts their annual Holiday Open House! Everyone is invited to come see the magical transformation of the shop as they feature beautiful holiday decor, household items and dazzling seasonal clothing. Guests can view glamorous holiday fashions and sparkly jewelry while enjoying delicious holiday treats, coffee and cider.

Come find an amazing look for the holidays at an unbeatable price while supporting Cedar Mill Li-

brary Association. The open house is free and there are no reservations required.

## Wine Cellar Benefit Sale

Saturday, November 26, 11 am-6 pm, Wine Cellar, 525 NW Saltzman.

A dozen local artists will offer handcrafted gifts ranging from \$5-\$75. 15% of all sales goes to OFOSA (Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals). The event is free. You can purchase \$5 mimosas to sip while you shop. Guests must be over age 21 or with a parent or guardian.

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## Take a stroll down your new garden path

by Margie Lachman

Mild sunny fall days are ideal for outdoor projects. One to consider is making a garden path to facilitate access where none exists or to keep feet out of puddles this winter as you traverse your yard. An attractive path can be done in a day or two with planning.

The first step is to decide the shape. Straight paths appear shorter and more formal, and a sculpture, fountain, or garden bench at the end is an attractive addition. Curved paths seem longer and more natural, giving the illusion of more space.

Materials should be durable, allow drainage and afford good traction when wet or icy. Gravel or crushed rock are ideal and simple to use. Solid paths of flagstone, pavers or brick keep shoes clean. Pea gravel is not recommended as it is round and does not pack well, giving an unstable surface.

Make the path wide enough for a garden cart to pass—about three feet—if it isn't next to an open area like a lawn. Narrower paths are useful in some areas. Prepare the site by removing at least four inches of soil and installing treated bender board edging. The grade can be made more level at this point to keep water from collecting.

Landscape fabric can be laid

## Interactive map highlights road hazards, closures

An [interactive map](#) displaying current emergency road closures and restrictions is now posted on the Washington County Roads webpage. This map will remain active while the storm is impacting County roadways.

The color-code legend is in the upper right: click the middle icon (three stacked lines). Click on a circle or line for information on specific projects.

Road crews are responding to storm-related road hazards as quickly possible. To report a road hazard, call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623), submit an online road request or call 503-629-0111 after hours.

down to prevent weeds, but be sure to secure fabric edges under bender board. Put two inches of sand over the fabric and rake smooth. In low spots where rain collects, put down two inches of small gravel first, then sand. Moisten sand and firm it with a drum roller or hand tamper, packing well. You can now put down pavers, flagstone, preformed stepping stones, or bricks, pushing them firmly into the sand, or add more gravel to fill up to the edge of the board. Fill spaces between with decomposed granite which will hold pavers or stones firmly.



A good local resource for sand and rock as well as garden soil is Cedar Mill Landscape Supply, 12700 NW Barnes Rd. near Cornell Rd.

There are many ways to build a garden path that take more time, labor and materials than these guidelines. DIY instructions and ideas are available on the internet and in books. Take time to decide which is most useful and practical for you before investing a lot of energy. Paths are useful and add visual appeal if done well, and make moving about the garden easier. Questions? Email me at [margierose2@gmail.com](mailto:margierose2@gmail.com) or call 503-645-2994

## Water District joins Facebook, Twitter

Follow TVWD on social media for news about your water service (and perhaps win \$100!). Tualatin Valley Water District is now using Facebook and Twitter (@TVWD-News) to connect users to services and alert them to emergencies such as temporary loss of service or pressure, and during a boil water notice.

By following TVWD on social media, users can get additional information about water service, including water quality updates, maintenance or construction projects in their neighborhoods, billing and technology updates, conservation and weatherization tips and more.

Follow TVWD before January 16, 2017, and be entered into a drawing to win one of two \$100 VISA gift cards. One Facebook friend and one Twitter follower will be selected at random at the end of the sign-up campaign. More information can be found at [www.tvwd.org/contest](http://www.tvwd.org/contest).

## Get involved! Join a county road committee

Have you considered serving on a road advisory committee? The [Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee](#) (RROMAC) studies rural road issues, works with County staff, and advises the Board of Commissioners on issues related to rural roads. The [Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee](#) (URMDAC) works with County staff and advises the Board of Commissioners on issues related to services provided by the Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD). Both committees meet monthly. Meetings are open to the public. Members are volunteers appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Serving on an advisory committee is a great way for Washington County residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works. Application deadline is Nov. 1 for positions starting Jan. 1. Application Form: [www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/boardandcommissionform.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/boardandcommissionform.cfm)

## Free conference for family caregivers

Fri, Nov. 18, 9-2:30, Tuality Health Education Center, 334 SE 8th Ave, Hillsboro

November is National Family Caregivers Month. The 13th annual Washington County Family Caregivers Conference, "Resilience: Yesterday. Today. Tomorrow" is free for family caregivers. Lunch is included.

The conference will include legal considerations for caregivers, finding joy and connection through the journey, communication and memory impairment, emergency preparedness, and paying for long-term care when funds are limited.

Author Bonnie Nester will give the keynote address titled "Self-Care is Not Selfish." Nester, once a caregiver for her mother, wrote "Moments This Good: The Softer Side of Alzheimer's."

This event is sponsored by Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services Family Caregiver Support Program and Tuality Healthcare, with support from the Law Offices of Nay and Friedenber, Adeo In Home Care, Home Instead Senior Care and PDX Elite Care Inc. Register by calling 503-846-3089.

*Marijuana, continued from page 1*

A protest meeting was held on October 29 near the house, at the corner of Murray and Cornell. The day before, Ralston asked the county to put her application on hold.

As we wrote in the [September issue](#), zoning that has been in place since 2000 designates several properties south of Cornell on both sides of Dale and Joy as TO:RC—Transit-Oriented Retail Commercial. Further down the street the zoning allows fairly dense multi-family residential development. These changes were made in hopes that the Cedar Mill Town Center would become a denser, more urban shopping and residential area.

The Board of County Commissioners voted in October to amend the county code with Ordinance 804, which among other provisions, allows marijuana facilities in TO:RC districts through a Type II application. “Type II land use actions are presumed to be appropriate in the District. They generally involve uses or development for which review criteria are reasonably objective, requiring only limited discretion. Impacts on nearby properties may be associated with these uses which may necessitate imposition of specific conditions of approval to minimize those impacts or ensure compliance with the Code.”

A page on the county website has [information about all the county rules controlling marijuana](#). The specific section of the code dealing with TO:RC is 430.80, and a link to that is on the page. Regulations include requirements regarding hours of operation, signage and lighting, and specify that dispensaries and shops must be 1,000 feet away from schools or THPRD facilities, and from other marijuana facilities.

We reached Ralston just before publication and she indicated that the protests were not the reason for the suspension of her development application. “I know that it’s a tight-knit little bedroom community there, I acknowledge that. Our shop will close at 8 pm, so it won’t be a late-night operation,” she said.

“[Western Oregon Dispensaries](#) has two businesses open now, in Newberg and Sherwood,” she continued, “and they’re both running quietly and efficiently. We still anticipate opening in Cedar Mill

in 2017.”

Ralston has worked in both wholesale and retail business for over 25 years, and is part of the growing number of professionals who are engaging in this new business. With the eyes of their neighbors on them, they know they have to toe all the legal lines to stay in operation.

Customers entering a marijuana sales facility are required to pass through an entry area and show their ID before they can access the sales floor. Minors aren’t even allowed in the entry area. None of the products can be consumed on-site.

Oregon is still fine-tuning its regulations. A website, “[What’s Legal](#),” maintained by OLCC, which now regulates recreational sales, offers information and an extensive FAQ with hundreds of answers to typical questions.



### CMHS raffle raises funds for our history

New Seasons Market donated a gift basket full of their great products to help raise money for the newly-formed Cedar Mill Historical Society. It was originally intended to be raffled off at the “History Tent” during the Cedar Mill Cider Festival, but we had a typhoon instead!

They graciously created a new basket, and we held the raffle at the final Cedar Mill Farmers Market on October 29. We raised over \$100 for our first fundraising effort. Thanks to all the folks who bought tickets. Barbara Covey purchased the winning ticket. Big thanks to New Seasons for donating the gift basket stuffed with goodies, and the bottle of apple juice in honor of the Cider Festival.

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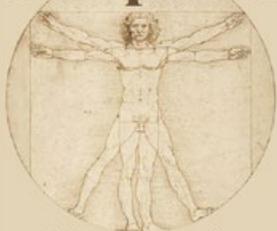
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want to investigate the art of collage. You'll learn about supports, papers, adhesives, tools technique, and simple composition.

Jo Reimer: **Print and Play Workshop**, Sat., Nov. 19, 10 am-4 pm

Roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty as you create unique collage papers. Learn about artist's compost, making simple prints using the GelliPlate, creating unusual stamps, working with stencils and more.

Jo Reimer: **The Creative Process**, Thurs., Dec. 1- am-4 pm

Artists of all levels, working in all 2D media, will benefit from this hands-on class filled with discussions and demonstrations as you explore composition. You will learn helpful ways to make the basics of design work for you as you compose and critique your own work.

Mary Burges: **Morning or Evening Watercolors For Beginning or Intermediate Students**, Wed., Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 14, 21. Morning class: 9:30 am-12:30 pm or evening class: 6-9 pm

There will be a focus on winter scenes including landscapes and animals in snow. Learn how to achieve lively, glowing snow and shadows.

Liz Walker: **From Marbled Paper to Finished Painting**, Fri. & Sat., Nov. 11 and 12, 9:30 am-4 pm

Unlock the mystery and learn techniques for creating layered, richly colored paintings by applying acrylics (both opaque and transparent) on your own pre-marbled papers.

### Wine Cellar Classes

Learn about wine and have fun! All classes at the Wine Cellar, 525 NW Saltzman.

High End wine tasting with light appetizers, 6 wines.

Sat., Nov. 19: 6-7:30 pm, \$45 per person

PacNW Highlights! Oregon and Washington Wines valued at \$30-60 per bottle, local artisan cheeses and cured meats, and chocolates too.

Sat., Jan. 7, 6 pm: \$85 per couple

Couples (of any design) cooking class includes a super interactive "game," a bottle of wine, a hands on/ demo of an appetizer, entrée and dessert. You'll eat, drink, and be merry! This class will feature recipes from Ina Garten's "How Easy is That?" cookbook; so consider giving someone that cookbook

for Christmas along with a gift card to the class, a great gift idea!  
Sat., Dec. 3: 5-6:30 pm, \$45 per person

Retro Class: How to Look Like a Wine Snob in Under Two Hours! Fast and fun, trivia, prizes, snark, and snacks. Good for folks of all levels of experience with wine. A great holiday gift!

Sat., Jan. 14, 6-7:30 pm, \$25 per person

To register for classes please email [erin@portlandwinecellar.com](mailto:erin@portlandwinecellar.com) or call (503) 643-5655.

### Ceramic workshop for kids

Nov. 12, 10:30 am-12 pm, Beaverton, near Common Wealth Lake and Nike

Have your kids enjoy this wonderful opportunity to express with clay, and do one-of-a-kind creations!

All material will be included. Sign up now to save your place: there is a maximum of six kids (six years old and up)! Email [veroguz-mandavalos@gmail.com](mailto:veroguz-mandavalos@gmail.com) for more details and sign up!

### Virtue of the month

"Modesty is a sense of quiet confidence and self-respect, which allows us to enjoy our accomplishment without inflating our self-importance..."

Practice of Modesty: I am comfortable being who I am. I have no need to exaggerate my importance. I treat my body with respect. I refuse to overdo. I share credit for success. I am simply grateful for my accomplishments. I am thankful for the gift of Modesty. It reminds me that I am enough.

Excerpt from Virtues Reflection Cards, [VirtuesProject.com](http://VirtuesProject.com). For more information about the Virtues Project in Portland area, please contact Delaram Adyani 503-267-0202 or ask to join our FB group. Meet us for Virtues Connection Portland, Oregon, November 21, 2016.

### Stress Buster Workshop

Sat., Nov. 12, 10 am-12 pm, 12950 SW Pacific Hwy, \$29!

Interrupted sleep from worry? Headaches and body aches, fatigue and low energy, and feeling like you can't deal with it all any longer? Don't let the stress of the upcoming holidays get you down! Learn the top five stress-reducing techniques to feel empowered and in control at the Stress Buster Workshop. Pay in advance at [StressBuster.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://StressBuster.BrownPaperTickets.com) for only \$29 and \$35 at the door.

For more information contact

Judith Auslander, MA, MAIS, CLC, CH.T. at 503-318-9343 or at [Judith@WiseHeartCoaching.com](http://Judith@WiseHeartCoaching.com). Judith is an active member of the Cedar Mill Business Association.

### ParkBench app for Cedar Mill/Cedar Hills

Mattin Noblia is a sponsor and ambassador of [parkbench.com/cedar-hills](http://parkbench.com/cedar-hills)! The website gathers information online, and ambassadors go out into the community to gather more information about the subjects.

One of the app's missions is to get to know a business owner, community leader, politician, staff member, teacher, fireman, policeman, couple, or family, and then feature them on the website absolutely free of charge.

ParkBench shares all local events, news and businesses to help this community stay together and be well informed. If you know someone that should be interviewed, email Mattin at [mattin@inhabitportland.com](mailto:mattin@inhabitportland.com).

### Skyline Memorial Gardens Hosts Women's Shelter Supply Drive

Through Dec. 31, Skyline Memorial Gardens, 4101 NW Skyline Blvd.

Skyline Memorial Gardens is collecting items for the [Salvation Army's West Women's and Children's Shelter](http://SalvationArmy.org). This shelter provides opportunities for self-sufficiency to homeless and abused women and children through shelter and support services. Skyline Memorial makes a yearly commitment to collect supplies from October through December.

To help support women and children recovering from domestic violence, please donate Target or Fred Meyer gift cards, new or gently used luggage, pens, paper, new day planners, bedding, household items, cleaning supplies, hygiene products, diapers, and wipes.

Skyline Memorial Gardens will accept donations through December 31, drop off or call 503-292-6611 for pick-up. You're also encouraged to bring donations to the November Art Hour, Nov. 11, 6-8 pm.

### 2016 Award of Excellence from Safeco for Rosson

Bob Rosson of Peninsula Insurance in Cedar Mill has been honored with the prestigious Award of Excellence by Safeco Insurance for the 11th time.

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tomers by getting the right coverage for the right price," said Rosson. "It's an honor to be recognized by Safeco Insurance as one of its top agency partners."

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## Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

### Celebrate 40 years! Kora Concert Sun., Nov. 13, 3 pm

The Cedar Mill Library is honoring the 40th anniversary of Washington County Cooperative Library Services with a free concert for all ages. Musician Sean Gaskell will perform on the West African Kora, a beautiful 21-stringed instrument that is native to the Mande peoples who live within the countries of Gambia, Senegal, Mali, Guinea, and Guinea Bissau.

Sean has studied with master Kora players in Gambia, and he travels to Cedar Mill from Asheville, North Carolina. Kora music is traditionally played by oral and musical historians known as Griots (Gree-ohs). While the Kora is only 300 years old, some commonly played songs can be traced back 800 years to the Mande empires' founding. What better way to honor WCCLS than a concert that introduces our community to a revered and time-honored musical instrument that was used to tell stories and pass on history to the next generation.

### Film Club Welcomes Dustin Morrow: Space, Place, and Cinema Wed., Nov. 30, 6:30 pm

Portland State University Professor Dustin Morrow is an Emmy-winning filmmaker, author, and educator with more than 20 years of professional film production experience. In November, Prof. Morrow will visit the Cedar Mill Library Film Club to present a series of short films that explore issues and relationships between landscape and personal, communal and cultural identities. In addition to screening several of his award-winning short films, Prof. Morrow will engage the audience in a lively discussion of their themes, interpretations, and the process that goes into making a short film.

### Parent Workshops: Language and

### Literacy in Babies and Toddlers (Birth to 36 months)

Wed., Nov. 9, 6:30-8 pm

The latest research shows that you can support your baby's language and thinking skills from day one. Your baby's brain has billions of neurons and you build connections in her brain every time you interact! You will learn the six early literacy skills that children need to develop before they learn how to read; how to choose the best books for your child's developmental stage; and fun activities and ideas for you to try at home!

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### Getting Ready to Read: 3's, 4's and 5's

Wed., Nov. 16, 6:30-8:30 pm

Ready for Kindergarten? Ready to Learn? Ready to Learn to Read?

Do you wonder if your child is ready? Find out how you can help your child develop six early literacy skills that research has shown gets him/her ready to become a reader. The books, songs, and activities presented will offer ways to naturally incorporate early literacy activities throughout your day.



## Viva Village November events

Viva Village is dedicated to enabling older adults in the Beaverton area to remain in their homes and communities through a variety of trained volunteer and paid support services and activities.

The following activities, in chronological order, are set for November:

Sat., Nov. 5, 9-10 am, Vista Brook Park on Fanno Creek Trail. **Nature Walk.** RSVP to [VivaVillageNature-Walk@gmail.com](mailto:VivaVillageNature-Walk@gmail.com).

Thurs., Nov. 10, 7-8:30 pm, private home in the Highland Neighborhood. Village 101: **Introduction to Viva Village.** RSVP to [VivaVillage101@gmail.com](mailto:VivaVillage101@gmail.com) or 503-327-5578.

Tues., Nov. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, private home in Central Beaverton. **Book Club:** Discussion of "The Other Boleyn Girl," by Philippa Gregory. , RSVP to [VivaVillageBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:VivaVillageBookClub@gmail.com) or 503-644-7417.

Thurs., Nov. 17, 6-8 pm. Thai Apsara Restaurant, Beaverton Town Square, 11793 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. **Thursday Social Time:** RSVP to [VivaVillagesocial@gmail.com](mailto:VivaVillagesocial@gmail.com) or 503-644-7417.

Fri., Nov. 18, Alpenrose Dairy Opera House, 6149 SW Shattuck Rd., Portland. **Holiday Gala Event:** "Jingle, Jingle, Jingle," a production of Northwest Senior Theater. Meet in the Opera House lobby at 1:15. For carpool information, RSVP [sherriewinner@gmail.com](mailto:sherriewinner@gmail.com) or 503-526-0550.

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