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Featured Business

The Ackerly aims to please discerning seniors

By Mary D. Edwards

Cedar Millers looking to spend their golden years with many of their neighbors will feel right at home at the Ackerly. Some 75% of the 144 residents traded their home in the 97229 ZIP Code for an apartment in the new senior community in Timberland near Barnes Rd. and 118th.

her own car.

Location was also a big draw for Dick and Lonni McLafferty who moved from Portland and have a house in Cannon Beach. They brought their 18-year-old poodle Jet, who is one of 26 dogs of all sizes and ages at the Ackerly. Dogs must pass a personality test to be



Nenita Perlas is one. She moved into her two-bedroom apartment recently after selling her Oak Hills home of 45 years. She likes the folks she's met, the food that's served, and the wealth of things to do. "There are lots of activities here," she says. "You don't get bored as long as you participate." Nenita, who divulges her age as "old enough to live here," takes advantage of

allowed. The dogs out the morning I visited were well-behaved, quiet, and at least a couple were dressed up for Halloween. Residents may keep cats too.

The Ackerly at Timberland is part of Leisure Care, a Seattle-based company that owns, manages and consults in all facets of senior living. In addition to the Ackerly, the company has three other facilities in Oregon (Canfield Place in Beaverton, Markham House and Russellville Park in Portland), and facilities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, and Washington.

Not all Leisure Care facilities provide what's called "a continuum of care services." But the Ackerly does. That



Resident Lee and his dog Pepper

means housing and services are based on residents' needs—from those who want maximum independence (but maid service and

the on-site gym to exercise every morning, and she plays Bingo on occasion. She also appreciates the Ackerly's proximity to her church, St. Pius X, which she drives to in

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Development roundup

12 homes on 143rd

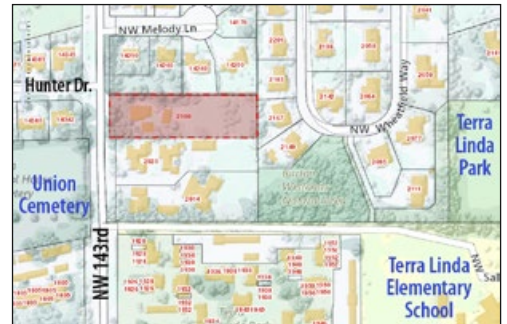
A Neighborhood Meeting was held on October 5 for a proposed 12-lot housing development on a property of slightly less than an acre on the east side of 143rd, north of the entrance to Terra Linda Elementary.

Neighbors' concerns included the already-difficult left turns from 143rd; parking; and whether the development could either be less dense, or be apartments.

The developer's representative, Wayne Hayson of Pioneer Design Group, explained that the R-15 (15 dwellings per acre) zoning was applied in 1983. Although R-15 would allow for apartments, the plan was single-family homes on

approximately 2100 sq. ft. lots.

A private street along the south side of the property will give access to the homes. Hayson said the county would look at their traffic report and include requirements for



any improvements to 143rd as part of the approval process. Since the county will eventually build more sidewalks in the area, the developer may pay into a fund for road

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Cedar Mill Heritage Celebration



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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

Poppa's becomes Haven Coffee

After almost nine years in business, Poppa's Haven Coffee House has rebranded and launched a crowdfunding campaign to remodel and expand. Owners Jerry and Jane Bennett have sought to provide a community gathering space where anyone can feel at home. Renaming the shop as Haven Coffee felt like the logical next step to simplify the brand and focus on



that central concept of being a "haven" for anybody who needs one.

The Bennetts' crowdfunding campaign will remodel and expand their space at 800 NW Murray Blvd. This project will allow them to expand their menu and their space, offering more food options and much-needed seating. The concept of crowdfunding invites anyone to partner with them to raise the funds needed to complete the project. When you contribute to the campaign you get a reward in exchange for that contribution. They have shirts, hoodies, mugs, coffee classes and many more options to choose from. Go to www.haven.coffee to view a video about their campaign and consider making a contribution. The campaign ends on Sun., Nov. 12.

CMBA gets legal info

Tues., Nov. 14, 11:45-1 pm, Cedar Mill Bible Church Chapel, 12208 NW Cornell

Guest speaker Brian O'Brien from Legal Shield will discuss, "Preventive Solutions to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft and Everyday Legal Matters."

Cedar Mill Business Association membership is open to anyone doing business in the area. First meeting is free. Learn more at cedarmillbiz.com

Pharmaca hosts winter spa day

Tues., Nov. 7, 12-6 pm, 240 NW Lost Springs Terrace

Ooh la la! Spa Day is on the way. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy will show what's new in natural beauty and give customers a chance to test products and take home free samples and up to \$20 in coupons. In addition, there will be mini-facials (with a \$10 service fee. Participants receive a \$10 gift coupon) and a free Dr. Hauschka mask with \$150 Dr. Hauschka purchase.



SAC holiday craft fair

Thurs., Nov. 16, 10 am-7 pm, Sunset Athletic Club, 13939 NW Cornell Rd. Free

Sunset Athletic Club will host more than 30 local artists selling their wares for the holiday season. A portion of sales will be donated to the Oregon Food Bank. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own non-perishable food to add to the donations. The fair is open to the public at 10 am, SAC members may enter at 9 am. For more information, contact sunsetac.com.

K9 Obedience Class at Bethany Vet

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sional dog trainer Peri Kamakaala. These classes will not only teach you and your dog the basics, but also include clicker training, socialization, loose-leash walking, hand signals, wait, leave it, and more. Obedience training not only makes your dog a better companion, it also increases confidence and can be life-saving.



Classes start at 6 pm each week and space is limited. For more information, dates, cost, and to reserve your space, call us at 503-614-9061.

Second Edition annual open house

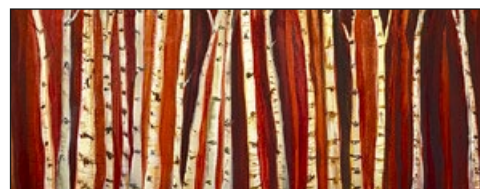
Sat., Nov. 18, 1-3:30 pm, near the Cedar Mill Library, 12505 NW Cornell Road. Free

Second Edition Resale is hosting its annual Holiday Open House, featuring a festive display of holiday décor, refreshments and a selection of holiday clothing and jewelry. Second Edition is a quality resale shop featuring gently used or new clothing for women, men and children as well as jewelry, household items and artwork. All sales benefit Cedar Mill Library Association.

Village Gallery News

All events (unless otherwise noted) are at the Gallery, 12505 NW Cornell, next to the Cedar Mill Library. Open Mon.-Sat., 10-4; Sun. 12-4. Contact: villagegalleryarts.org, 503-644-8001.

Open reception for November show



Curtain Call, by Leila Ball

Sun., Nov. 12, 2-4 pm

Meet the featured artist Leila Ball, and enjoy refreshments. Leila creates abstract landscapes using acrylics. She also employs collage and mixed mediums.

New classes for November and December

Children's workshop: making a

felt journal with Sue Selbie
Wed., Dec. 13, 2-4pm

Holiday card-making workshop with Sharla Sevy
Sat., Nov. 4, 9 am-3 pm

We will be hand sketching and decorating our own one-of-a-kind holiday cards. Bring your choice of medium (watercolor, pencils, crayons or markers.) Instructor provides white cardstock and envelopes and a portfolio of inspiration, including designs, stamps and stamp pads, stencils, glitter etc.

Calligraphy with Susan Pfahl
Tuesdays, Nov. 14, 21, 28, 1-3 pm

Whether you have never held a calligraphy pen or just need a refresher, this is an opportunity to hone your skills.

Please [see our website](#) for information on our complete fall class lineup.

To register, visit or call the gallery at 503-644-8001.

Learn holiday card creation

Tues., Nov. 14, 1:30-3:30 pm, Sunset Credit Union, 1100 NW Murray Blvd. Free
Wed., Nov. 29, 6-8 pm, private home, call for location



Learn how to create personal holiday cards from your digital photos at the SendOutCards card crafting workshop. Bring your laptop, digital photos and questions, along with your sack lunch to the credit union's boardroom. For more dates and locations, information, and to RSVP, contact Lori Bitter at 971-570-6248 or CardsbyLoriBitter@gmail.com.

Meditation, women's healing at Massage & Spa at Bethany

All classes at the Spa, 15280 NW Central Dr., #102, Bethany Village
Mon., Nov. 13, 6:30 pm

Meditation Circle with Jen. We will sit in comfy chairs as we slowly

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Dear thief who took my purse...

by Mary Edwardst

Since you insinuated yourself into my life by taking my purse, I thought you should know whose life you screwed up. Yes, that Thursday, Oct. 19, was one of the worst days of my life.

When you sneaked up behind me at Market of Choice to steal my purse, you took more than my cheap Sherpani bag. You took my brand-new Samsung S8, which was so new I still didn't have all bells and whistles figured out. No case even. You took my one Visa with only a small balance, my two debit cards, my health insurance card, my driver's license and my 23-year-old library card. Geez, you needed that library card, huh? You also got some old lip gloss and \$8 in cash.

Not much, was it? Well, you seemed to think so. And I'd love to know why. I know how it went down. You took my purse and zipped over to Safeway where you used my cards to buy American Express gift cards.

It makes me wonder why clerks at local stores don't check ID when someone buys a bunch of gift cards. Seems like a simple way to prevent

fraud, [since it happens so often](#). Nice quick way to turn a card theft into ready cash.

At some point along the line you pitched my purse, wallet, cards, and phone. I'd like them back if you're feeling generous. Oh wait, thieves don't give stuff back. Silly me.

I guess I should count myself lucky. You didn't distract me with a duo or trio of female thieves and steal my purse from my cart at Trader Joe's or Costco (no membership, so that was out) or push me down and yank my purse off my shoulder like a friend's friend had happen. I met another woman who had her purse surreptitiously spirited away like mine was. Women preying on women, perhaps?

So, back to my question. Why did you do it? Are you a drug addict or just a pickpocket who's trying new territory, so to speak? Will you ever regret it?

I'd hate to think that having my purse stolen from a place I thought was safe is a kind of new reality. But ladies, I think it is. Keep 'em close, don't get complacent, and watch each other's back. Because some thief may be watching yours.



CPO 1 learns about water, power

Tues., Nov. 14, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman



Is Home Solar for you? Terry Tomei, Solar Consultant with Elemental Energy, will outline what the average homeowner needs to know

about home solar energy and the rebate available until December 31.

Melissa DeLyser, Communications Manager of Washington County LUT will present information on The Cedar Mill Creek Flood Remediation Collaborative, a partnership of agencies, residents and businesses in Washington County who are combining knowledge, ideas and resources to address flood hazards and enhance the natural habitat along Cedar Mill

Creek and North Johnson Creek. Representatives from the collaborative are leading discussions at community meetings to further develop a shared understanding of the situation.

CPO 1 is a community forum that brings interesting topics and a chance to share information about land use, community livability, and other issues to residents of Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, and Bonny Slope. Visit cedarmillnews.com/cpo1 for more information.

Duniway at Beaverton

Nov. 14, 7 pm, Elsie Stuhr Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, free, donations benefit the Beaverton Historical Society.

Sharon Thorne of the Oregon Historical Society presents The Story of Abigail Scott Duniway.

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North Bethany Main Street PAC meets

An Urban Design Plan (UDP) for the North Bethany Main Street area is being developed by the Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation (LUT) with assistance from a project advisory committee (PAC) comprised of community stakeholders.

The first PAC meeting took place in mid-October. Participants and visitors received project information from LUT staff and made comments and suggestions. The PAC's role is to critique design ideas, not

Street Program Guide, including building orientation and setbacks, building height limits, building articulation and façade treatments, location requirements for off-street parking and loading, and streetscape elements.

Creation and adoption of the UDP will allow commercial and mixed-use development to occur in the Main Street area. LUT staff expects to present a land use ordinance to the Board of Commissioners for adoption of the North



to come up with an Urban Design Plan from scratch.

The PAC includes members of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD), Clean Water Services (CWS), Community Participation Organization (CPO) 7, commercial and residential developers, LUT Long Range Planning Section, and the Otak consultant team for the project.

PAC members will review and provide comments on drafts of the plan. Two open houses—one in winter and one in spring—will be held to solicit public comment on the drafts.

The Main Street area contains all of the land with North Bethany's highest-intensity commercial land use designation, the Neighborhood Commercial-Mixed Use (NCMU NB) District. The Main Street area also contains portions of land with North Bethany's highest-density residential designations—Residential 25 Units or More per Acre (R-25+) District and Residential 24 Units per Acre (R-24). In addition, the Main Street area contains portions of the Park Blocks and the future East Community Park.

The UDP will address design and dimensional standards for the Main Street area as required by the North Bethany Subarea Plan's Main

Bethany Main Street Urban Design Plan in spring 2018. Once the ordinance is in effect, LUT can begin accepting development applications for properties within the Main Street area.

The next meeting of the PAC will likely be scheduled during the second week of December. Members of the public may attend PAC meetings, and can comment and ask questions if time allows. The [county website for the project](#) has links to more information about the project, and also a link to sign up to receive updates (scroll to the bottom to find the link)

Second Edition Holiday Open House

Sat., Nov. 18, 1-3:30 pm, two doors east of the library

Second Edition will be magically transformed for the holidays and feature beautiful holiday decor, household items and dazzling seasonal clothing. Enjoy delicious holiday treats and come find a great look for the holidays at an unbeatable price! Second Edition is the ongoing fundraiser for the Cedar Mill Libraries.

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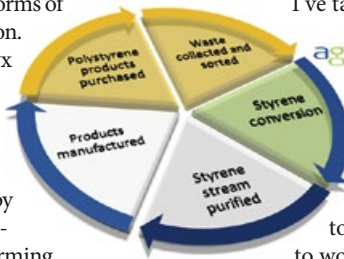


Recycling Styrofoam with Agilyx

With all the news lately about the lack of places to recycle plastics, you might be surprised that you can in fact recycle Styrofoam. Agilyx, an Oregon startup, has developed the technology to turn polystyrene material, also known as Styrofoam, into usable product.

There are two ways in which Agilyx recycles Styrofoam. Agilyx's processing plant can transform Styrofoam products into synthetic crude oil through a process of heating and cooling that ultimately carries a smaller carbon impact than traditional forms of crude oil extraction. In addition, Agilyx has developed the technology to recycle polystyrene back into polystyrene by taking used Styrofoam and transforming it into styrene monomer, a raw material used by manufacturers to produce polystyrene.

According to their mission statement, Agilyx's goal is "To be the industry leader in renewable energy technology and chemical recycling that ensures the highest and best use of plastics while minimizing environmental impact."



Overall, Agilyx strives to provide an energy recovery option for difficult-to-recycle waste plastics that is environmentally superior to other disposal methods, such as landfill disposal and incineration.

So, how can you recycle Styrofoam in your everyday life? Take items made from Styrofoam to Agilyx's drop-off box at 7904 SW Hunziker St. Tigard, OR 97223. It is open 24/7 and there is no charge. For commercial recycling, call 503-597-6404 to schedule a drop-off time.

"I've taken the hard styrofoam, the kind that is used to protect big electronics, to Agilyx," said Cedar Mill neighbor Ada Boje. "They are fairly easy to get to and very easy to work with."

To know which types of polystyrene material are recyclable, look for the recycle symbol number six. Some items include: cookie sleeves/trays, Solo cups, coffee cup lids and foam food service items, such as cups, plates, and to-go box clam-shells.

You can also visit agilyx.com or call 503-217-3160 for more information.

Volunteer with Washington County's Homeless Youth Mentoring Program

1,382 students in the Beaverton School District were homeless in the 2015-2016 school year, according to data collected by the Oregon Department of Education. That means approximately 3.4% of total students enrolled in the BSD lived in cars, in shelters, in motels, on a friend's couch or on the streets at some point during the school year.

The Washington County Homeless Education Network (HEN) and the Beaverton School District H.E.L.P. Center (Homeless Education Liaison Center) can help homeless youth enroll in school, with transportation to and from school, receive free or reduced cost school meals, and is now developing a mentoring program which you can be a part of!

Become a mentor for homeless students in the BSD at the H.E.L.P.

Center and volunteer one hour per week during the school day. Contact Mary Metheny at mary_metheny@beaverton.k12.or.us or at 503-356-5076.

If you are interested in mentoring in another Washington County School District, please contact the HEN Office at 503-356-5071. They will direct you to the appropriate program coach for that school district.

HEN is a membership group of all seven school districts in Washington County and their Homeless Education Liaisons, like the BSD H.E.L.P. Center, which has been serving the needs of homeless youth and families in the Beaverton School District since 2001. HEN has been awarded an Oregon Department of Education grant to develop this mentoring program.

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Development, continued on page 1 improvements so the county can then do everything at once.

This is just the preliminary step in the development process. A plan will be submitted to the county, at which time public comments are accepted. If the county approves the development, construction is anticipated around Summer 2019. The Neighborhood Meeting notes will be available at the Cedar Mill Library.



Dinihanian Farm

The Dinihanian family ceased organic vegetable farming and farmstand operations on their property along Cornell, near Oak Hills, in late 2015. Folks have been wondering whether the organic farm would re-open, or what will happen with the property.

The property encompasses about 38.5 acres, with about 34-36

Washington County Public Affairs Forum

Learn about the issues and meet the people who affect our lives in Washington County. Forum programs are [streamed live on Facebook](#) if you can't attend the meetings.

- Nov. 6: City of Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, speaking on city updates including transportation issues, housing initiatives & more.
- Nov. 13: Climate Justice Organizer Nakisha Nathan, speaking on climate change.
- Nov. 20: Ginnie Churchill, Life-works NW Service Director, to speak on our new county mental health center.
- Nov. 27: Tigard Mayor John Cook, speaking on the state of the city.
- Dec. 4: Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway, speaking on the state of the city.

The forum is held over lunch every Monday, September through June, (except holidays) at Golden Valley Restaurant & Brew Pub in

acres of buildable land. It is zoned R-15 and R-9 (15 and 9 dwellings per acre). Vahan Dinihanian says they are planning to retain their farmstand license and resume organic farming in the area near the pond at the north end of the property. The rest of the land is for sale, and will be developed into housing

when a developer buys it.

We are not sure if the holiday tree and greenery sale will occur this season—we'll let you know as soon as we find out. Be sure to "like" the [Cedar Mill News Facebook](#) page for updates.

119th development

Last month, we reported that a proposed residential development on several acres between 119th and 113th was on hold, after an

[August Neighborhood Meeting](#) that brought out many neighbors from the surrounding area.

Since that time, we have learned that there may be some interest on the part of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District in acquiring the property. THPRD has not shared any information because of legal concerns. We know that

Beaverton, 1520 NW Bethany Blvd. All events are free. Doors open at 11:30 am, and speakers start at noon. Lunch is available to order from the menu.

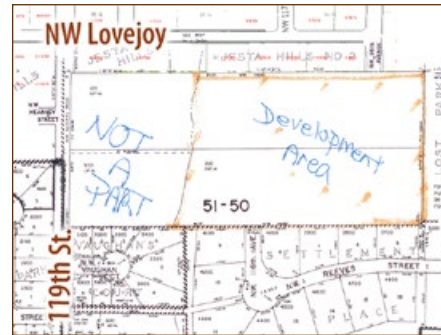
Membership is \$50/year, and gives you the privilege of asking questions of the speakers. [Visit the website](#) to learn more.

Fake News Discussion

Thurs., Nov. 9, 7-8:30 pm, Beaverton Library, 12375 SW 5th St.

On both national and local levels, Oregonians have seen how the news can both represent and misrepresent the facts at hand. From debate over local opinions on the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to the discourse around "alternative facts," it can seem difficult to find current and accurate information to use as we make decisions in our communities.

The Beaverton City Library will



all the neighbors are very hopeful that this beautiful property can remain at least partly a natural area. **Marijuana dispensary application approved, appeal denied**

In June, the county approved Sheri Ralston's application for her company, Western Oregon Dispensary, to open a marijuana dispensary in a property she owned at 730 NW Dale Ave. The decision was appealed and a hearing was held on September 21. Neighbors and others testified, mainly expressing their dissatisfaction with the legalization of marijuana. Concerns were also expressed about traffic and privacy for the neighbors.

The hearings officer issued his decision on October 26, upholding the county approval. "When implemented in accordance with the Conditions of Approval...the project will be in compliance with the Community Development Code and the Community Plan."

We have no information about when or if the dispensary will be developed.

host "Beyond Fake News: How We Find Accurate Information About the World." This conversation, led by librarian Kelly McElroy, gives Oregonians a chance to consider their own practices and values around news consumption.

Kelly McElroy is an outreach librarian at Oregon State University. The event is part of Oregon Humanities' statewide Conversation Project. The program is free and open to the public; no registration required.

For more information, visit BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197. Beaverton City Library is one of fifteen member libraries in Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), which works to provide responsive and efficient library service countywide through centralized catalog, courier and other services.

First-time firefighter aims to keep green from turning black

By Shae Galloway

[Ed. note: Cedar Mill resident Shae Galloway, 21, answered Glenn Segal's call this spring to be part of the Tom Fery fire crew, which fought several fires in the Northwest this summer. A University of Oregon journalism student, he wrote this account of working on the fire crew for the Cedar Mill News.]

So, there I was, crammed into a van full of sweaty guys and on my way to a fire that had sparked up from a thunderstorm the night before. As we drove north from Twin Falls, Idaho, I started to see a plume of smoke rising from the valley ahead. I felt a knot form in my stomach as I grasped the intensity of the situation. This was my first actual fire (the Martin Canyon fire), and I honestly didn't quite know what to expect. The classic "What have I gotten myself into?" line went through my head as our van came to a stop in front of what can only be described as a burning mountain.

I was just a guy who loved the outdoors and needed a way to pay my college tuition. Surely I had underestimated this job as a wildland firefighter. As soon as we started piling out of the van, the smell of scorched sagebrush and ash hit me. The second thing I noticed was the heat. I could feel it radiating upon me like a second sun. We didn't get right up next to the flames that day, but there were days where it felt like I was in an oven from the intensity of the flames.

We worked through the night and well into the next morning on rough terrain. The fire had burned the hillside, leaving only black ground and the roots of sagebrush. A line had been dug into the face

of a huge, steep butte. This line was extremely important because it separated the unburned and the burned territory, or as we would call it the green from the black. We were posted there to make sure the fire didn't spread into the green, which would put the small town of

again or have sparks blow over into the green once the wind picked up. The work became quite meditative at a certain point.

At first, I was kind of nervous about my crew. I was glad to have Glenn as a crew boss, but a lot of the guys on my crew seemed very



Shae Galloway and the Tom Fery fire crew. He is sixth from right, standing behind crew boss Glenn Segal (white helmet).

Bellevue, Idaho, a few miles to the west, in danger.

We had to work at night because fires can't be left unattended. When we were assigned night shift, we had two options for sleeping during the day. We could sleep in our tents, although it was often too hot for that, or there were often mobile sleepers. The mobile sleepers were really nice because they were air conditioned, dark, quiet and pretty comfy.

Night work was only interrupted by sounds of shovels, pulaskies, and the occasional chainsaw somewhere in the darkness. There were many hot spots in the ground left in the wake of the fire. Left unextinguished, they could easily flare up

different from the people I am usually around. They all seemed experienced and used to this kind of work. However, after spending time

with this group of guys I learned that our differences weren't what defined our relationships. I really connected with my crew because we all respected each other's work ethic and common goal to protect the forest.

Although this summer I worked harder than I ever have before, it was incredibly satisfying work. The fact that we are saving land, wildlife, towns and, potentially, lives is obviously a big reason for this feeling; however, it was a pleasant surprise to see the amount of appreciation people would show us. Driving into different towns we would often see signs people had written thanking us for our service. It motivated us and made our work feel valued. One night in camp, a family came to visit our crew to deliver some sweet bread they had been baking for us.

I'm extremely happy to have challenged myself to try something like this. Working in the great outdoors and doing hard work with your hands really strengthens you. It gave me confidence because I realized what I was actually able to accomplish with the right goals set in mind.

PCC Rock Creek Entrance Will Move

Portland Community College will partner with Washington County to widen and move the entrance to the PCC Rock Creek Campus to align with 178th St. and Springville Road.

According to Linda Degman, director of the PCC Bond Program, the College will donate the land required for the project and approximately \$1 million. These funds will come from two sources: the 2008 bond measure and from Transportation Development Tax revenue the College has earned through campus development as a result of the 2008 bond.

"PCC will partner with Wash-

ington County on the design of the new entrance," Degman said. "The critical part of this partnership is that it will result in a stop light and pedestrian crosswalk at 178th and Springville Road. This has been a safety concern for many years, and the college is relieved to know that our students, faculty, staff and campus visitors will have a safer entrance to the campus."

Degman said the timeline for the project is tentative, but the hope is to have design drawings in hand by summer 2018. The project cannot begin until all current work on Springville Road is completed, estimated to be October 2018.

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Elections, and more elections

Voters are being asked to weigh in on important issues with increased frequency lately, it seems. The November 7 regional vote to pass a bond funding Portland Community College will be followed by a January 23 statewide vote on Measure 101, a referendum on a bill passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2017.

A yes vote on the measure would uphold the law; a no vote would repeal it. The final ballot title, announced Nov. 1, reads, “Approves temporary assessments to fund health care for low-income individuals and families, and to stabilize health insurance premiums. Temporary assessments on insurance companies, some hospitals, and other providers of insurance or health care coverage. Insurers may not increase rates on health insurance premiums by more than 1.5 percent as a result of these assessments.” At this time, that is the only question on the January 23 election.

Then on March 13, another election is slated, although we’re not sure what questions or candidates will be on that ballot. [Washington County Elections office](#) shows no filings at this time.

May 15 is the date for primary elections for several important races. The Washington County Chair, three Commission positions, and the County Auditor are all going before the voters. The Board of Commissioners governs the unincorporated areas of Washington County, which includes Cedar Mill. [Metro Council](#) has four terms expiring at the end of December, including Chair and District 4, which includes most of Cedar Mill.

If a candidate receives more than 50% of the vote in those primaries, they will be elected. Otherwise the top two candidates for each position will go on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 election.

The Oregon Secretary of State maintains [ORESTAR](#), a campaign finance database where you can search for information about who is donating to which campaign. Find out for yourself who is backing candidates and measures.

Elections are expensive, and single-issue ballots don’t usually get very high participation rates. We wonder about strategic reasons for diluting the vote by having numerous small elections.

Chetana Foundation adopts Cornell

Chetana derives from a Sanskrit word meaning Consciousness, the core vision on which the Chetana Foundation emerged. It is a non-profit organization based out of Portland, started in 2016, by local community members of Indian origin with a mission to spread happiness through ‘sangha seva’ (Sanskrit word for ‘selfless service to community’). Helping people from all walks of life regardless of race, religion, income levels, cultural and political beliefs is a key driver for Chetana volunteers who have been actively undertaking several social welfare programs to help local communities, specifically in the Portland and Pacific Northwest region.



The organization is now 300+ volunteers strong and is growing to help further in local Portland communities.

Cornell Road adoption was one such event on September 24, where a team of 27 Chetana volunteers participated, removing trash from Highway 26 to Murray Boulevard. An active team of volunteers in-

cluding several teens joined hands in a fun environment and spent 2-3 hours of an early Sunday morning clearing all non-degradable trash on both sides of the road.

“It was a wonderful way to spend time on a Sunday morning with my wife to help clean a stretch of road that we frequented with our kids”, said Ravi Venigalla, one of the Chetana Organizers and volunteers, a Sunset parent who works at Kaiser and lives in the area. Chetana will be conducting further periodic cleanup drives on this road, and will be glad to have active volunteers from local community joining to take care of our beautiful Cedar Mill neighborhood and spread happiness in our communities.

Please join and like us at our [facebook page](#).

Fall care for peonies

by Margie Lachman

Autumn is so lovely, with color provided by the trees' changing leaves. Shrubs and even some perennials also give us a show when they go dormant as winter approaches. One of my favorite plants this time of year is the peony, especially the older varieties of *Paeonia lactiflora* which include many fragrant ones. The leaves are some of the most beautiful in the garden as they are larger than many other perennials and have a distinctive deeply-lobed form that stands out among smaller leaves.

However, do not allow the leaves to remain on the plants after they fade. Fungal diseases, Botrytis blight being the most common, destroy the flowers and some leaves in the spring. Funguses overwinter on the foliage and the best and easiest way to avoid them is to cut all leaves and flower stems just below the soil surface and dispose in the trash. Do NOT

compost! Do this as soon as foliage and flower stems dry out and fade.

This removal is imperative! I learned a hard lesson when I neglected to do this task in 2015. The following spring, I noticed some withered foliage on my plants and shriveled blackened flower buds that died. I removed these diseased parts as soon as I saw them but only a few



Botrytis blight on a peony leaf.
From Missouri Botanical Garden

flowers were healthy that season. By the time botrytis is visible, no amount of fungicide will cure it because it is already internal.

What a disappointment to lose my chance

to have peonies, one of my favorite flowers! Last fall I was more vigilant and removed not only all foliage and flower stems but also a bit of the surface soil to make sure all trace of fungus spores were gone. This spring my flowers were healthy and beautiful as usual.

Fall is planting and dividing time for peonies. Make sure there are at least two or three 'eyes' or growth buds on divisions. Eyes are pointed and pink and should be planted with the eyes no deeper than two inches under the soil. Add a generous shovelful of compost and choose a sunny well-drained spot. Peonies are drought tolerant when established and require little care beyond removal of foliage in the autumn. The rewards are great when the glorious and often fragrant flowers open in May and June.

Questions? Email me at margierose2@gmail.com or call 503-645-2994.

Skyline Artisans' Fair

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 18-19, 10-4 pm, Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland 9723, free.

Skyline Artisans is pleased to invite the public to our next Holiday Arts Fair at the Skyline Grange. We look forward to another lively community event the weekend before Thanksgiving.

In this weekend event, there will be about 20 booths showcasing the work of Skyline area artisans. Included will be booths selling jewelry, accessories, pottery, glass, book arts, home décor, paintings,

woodturning and other items. As in previous events, locally prepared food will be available for purchase, and we look forward to performances by local musicians. Discover the beauty that is being created in your neighborhood, and come out to support our community. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information, please contact Sue Selbie at sselbie@gmail.com or Ken Pincus at kenpincus@comcast.net.

Corrections

In last month's article about bike lanes on Cornell, LUT asked us to clarify the following (corrections were made in the online versions but the comments came in after the issue was printed):

The mountable curb is not to facilitate cars driving up on the cycle track or sidewalk... just to allow bikes to bypass obstructions in the cycle track.

All options required purchase of property for additional ROW. The cost increases are a combination of increased construction costs and additional ROW needed.

The illustration doesn't clearly show that there is a center turn lane in addition to the two travel lanes.

Folks come to our Open House for many reasons.

{ Of course, "the fun" is often mentioned. }

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 drift into a deep meditation. Learn to change your focus from the active mind to the peace we all have inside.

Mondays, Nov. 6 and 20, 6:30 pm, Women's Healing Circle

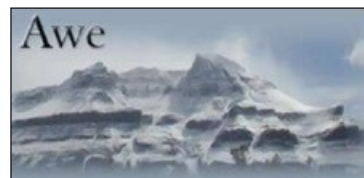
Take a break from the stress of your routine and surround yourself with positive, supportive women. Get a dose of empowerment that will last the week. We will gather together and talk on different subjects from dealing with stress to finding your true purpose.

Schoch Dairy now has eggnog!

In addition to the delicious whole milk, fresh from the cows, Schoch Dairy now has eggnog for the holidays, along with chocolate milk and local cheese when it is available. Stop in and find out what real fresh milk tastes like! The dairy is located on West Union Rd., just west of Helvetia Rd.

Virtue of the Month: Awe

Awe is deep respect and reverence for the Source of life. It is



humility and wonder... "The highest point a man can attain is not Knowledge or Virtue, or Goodness, or Victory, but something even greater, more heroic and more despairing: Sacred Awe!" Nikos Kazantzakis

The Practice of Awe

I am humble before the power of the Creator. I take time to contemplate and commune. I am aware of the sacredness of life. I cultivate the Divine virtues in my nature. I discern the signs and synchronicities of life. I deepen my connection to Grace.

I am thankful for the gift of Awe. It fills my with wonder.

Excerpt from Virtues Reflection Cards- virtuesproject.com. Please contact Master Facilitator Delaram Adyani for information and facilitator training this November. Join our Virtues Connection Portland, Oregon Facebook page today. 503-267-0202



Wood Stove Exchange Program

Exposure to wood smoke can be dangerous, especially for children, older adults and anyone with existing respiratory conditions, such as asthma.

As part of its efforts to improve air quality, in August 2016 Washington County's Office of Community Development and the Department of Health and Human Services launched a Wood Stove Exchange program to reduce harmful pollution from wood smoke. Qualifying residents receive a rebate of \$1,500-\$3,500 when they replace their old or uncertified wood stove with a cleaner heating device. Some households qualify for a free replacement, depending on their income.

"Our goal for the first year was to replace 50 wood stoves," says Housing Rehabilitation Specialist Tim Davis. "We were thrilled to complete 134 projects."

The five-year goal is to replace 700 old wood stoves.

To be eligible, households must rely on an old or uncertified wood stove or wood stove insert as an essential heat source. Total household income determines the amount of the rebate and if the applicant qualifies for a free replacement.

Program participants can replace their old wood stove with an electric ductless heat pump, a



natural gas stove, a pellet stove or a gas furnace. Those who qualify for a free replacement may also opt for a new EPA-certified wood stove, in addition to the other choices.

From November 1 through March 1, Washington County Public Health monitors the daily air quality for levels of PM2.5, a type of fine air pollution caused in large part by wood smoke. A red day alert means that air quality is unhealthy

and that no fireplace or wood stove use is allowed, unless burning wood is a person's only source of heat or if a person needs to burn wood for financial reasons. A yellow day means air quality is unhealthy for sensitive groups and people are asked to voluntarily not burn wood. A green day indicates that air quality is good. Today is a green day. Since the ordinance was passed in 2015, there

have been zero red day alerts.

Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive air quality and wood burning alerts for red days at publicalerts.org. More information and the daily air quality status can be found by calling 503-846-8744 or visiting WashingtonCountyAir.com.

Visit WoodStoveExchange.com for the application, eligibility guidelines, details on replacement device options and more. Or call 503-846-4425 for more information.

Leaf Disposal & Food Drive

Saturdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2, 8 am-4 pm, The Home Depot parking lot, 13700 NW Science Park Dr.

Leaves, pine needles and grass clippings accepted. Please limit debris to 50 lbs. Please bring debris loose or in a paper bag, not in plastic bags. This program is for residents, not commercial operations. We'll also collect food donations for the Oregon Food Bank.

Clean Water Services composts about 10,000 cubic yards (about 1,000 truck loads) of leaves each year which includes leaves from our regular street sweeping program, curbside leaf collection and the annual leaf

disposal program. Leaves are taken to West Union Gardens and made into mulch.

Participating in the leaf disposal program helps:

- Reduce localized flooding caused by leaf-clogged storm drains;
- Keep nutrients from decaying yard debris out of local creeks, wetlands and the Tualatin River.
- Keep streets safe and clear for bikes and pedestrians.

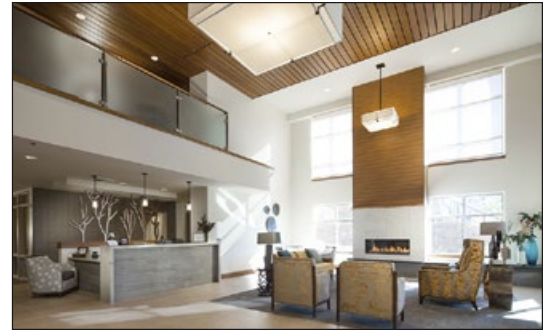
This program is funded by Clean Water Services' \$8.25 per month Surface Water Management (SWM) fee. This fee pays for flood management and water quality protection and improvement programs including street sweeping, 24-hour emergency flood response, catch basin cleaning, water quality monitoring, watershed planning and public education.

Ackerly, continued from page 1 restaurant-style meals) to staff care in assisted living, and memory care. Prices range from \$2,895 to \$5,995 for a studio, 1-bedroom is \$3,295 to \$3,995; 2-bedroom \$4,595 to \$4,995.

Staff is available 24-hours a day at the front desk and in the licensed (assisted and memory care) areas. A physical therapist and occupational therapist and hair salon for men and women are also onsite. A

their rent. The Pratts and their children looked at a few other area senior facilities before choosing the Ackerly, which they liked for its newness and "instant rooms." Because the facility has been open only since Sept. 1, 2016, there was no waiting period to move in.

Betsy, 93, is on the hospital-ity committee that welcomes new residents, belongs to crochet and genealogy clubs, and takes part in morning stretching and balance classes. "I love the maid service," she says, adding the only downside is the lack of swimming pool.



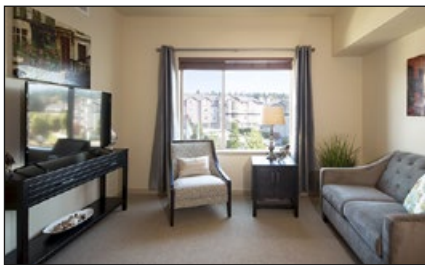
Residents who want to swim or take water exercise classes can take a twice-weekly bus trip to Harman Swim Center in Beaverton. "And we'll increase that frequency if residents want it," says Katie Smith, Ackerly sales manager.

From its full activity schedule (scrabble, movies, clubs, exercise classes, to name a few) to its feline and canine residents that were more than tolerated by all, the Ackerly and its staff seem intent on catering to residents' wishes. "We love it here," says Marlene Grant. "They leave you alone when you want, but you can get as involved as you want too."

Tours are available seven days a week. For more information, [visit their website](#).



Miller's Pub is a popular hangout for the residents



dentist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner, and fitness instructor make regular visits.

Betsy and Dickson Pratt, who moved in in June, praised the all-inclusive meal plan that's part of



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