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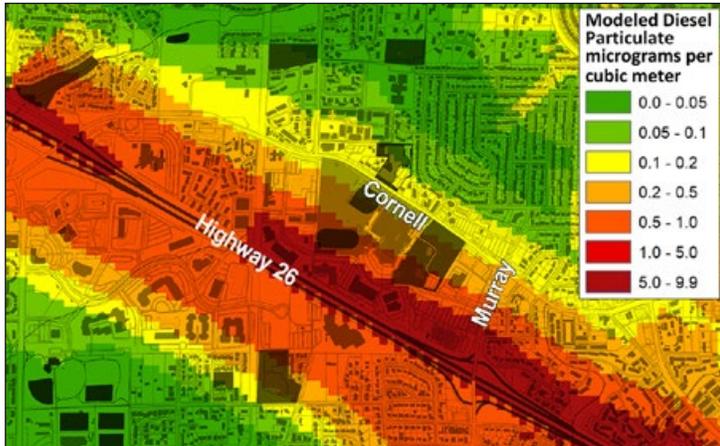
## How clean is our air?

by Greg Bourget, Executive Director, Portland Clean Air

[Portland Clean Air](#) is a nonprofit that has been working for seven years to study and promote public understanding of government agency industrial air

### Diesel emissions

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) doesn't use human health as a factor in the regulation of industrial air pollu-



pollution data, and advocate for prevention. We asked them to give us a snapshot of the current situation in the Cedar Mill area, along with some ways to take action if you are concerned.

tion. Governor Brown's [Cleaner Air Oregon](#) program has vastly improved reporting but this hasn't resulted in improved health-based regulation yet. Because of this

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## Getting the COVID vaccine in Washington County

An official [Washington County web page](#) outlines information about who will be prioritized for receiving the available vaccines to prevent COVID-19. Here are some highlights, check back for updates.

### What is Washington County's role in COVID-19 vaccination?

The county's primary role is to ensure access to vaccine by all people who want it. This does not mean that we will be doing a lot of vaccinations ourselves. In fact, the county itself expects to vaccinate just 5-10% of the population through vaccine clinics for

people not well served through healthcare systems and pharmacies. We will plan these clinics with community partners with an equity lens for those who have been affected by COVID-19 disproportionately (Latinx and BIPOC communities) and those who have limited access due to homelessness or poverty.

### Can I get on a list to get vaccinated?

There is no list. Oregon Health Authority, Washington County, and vaccine providers across the state will utilize media, websites and many other means of getting the message out to the populations being served in the current vaccination phase. Please check back here.



### How long will Phase 1A last? (visit website for details on phases)

Oregon Health Authority expects to be done vaccinating all groups in Phase 1A by the end of February. However, this is dependent on how much vaccine Oregon receives.

### Current Prioritized Phases

The prioritization of specific groups is an evolving process. We will work to keep it up to date [here](#). The art of vaccinating all people as quickly as possible is complex, and local public health does not have a role in all phase or priority groups. We rely on the planning and efforts of partners within the county, at the state level, and nationally. Together we will be successful.

Washington County HHS Director Marni Kuyl will attend the January 12 CPO 1 meeting with updated information and answers to your questions. See more on page 2.

General information on COVID-19 in Washington County, including how and where to get tested, is [on the website here](#).

You can also sign up to get [Oregon Health Authority daily updates](#) here.

## Oregon recycles! and plans to lead into the future

by Bruce Bartlett, CPO 1 Vice Chair

Starting with our famous "Bottle Bill" in 1971, Oregon was the first in the nation to create a system of waste management that allowed glass and aluminum containers to be recovered from the trash. A deposit is charged on applicable beverage containers that is redeemed when the container is returned. Initially intended to reduce litter, the results were dramatic and now between 80-90% of the containers subject to a deposit are redeemed. This has created a consistent stream of high-quality clean glass for reuse.

In the 1980s, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established solid waste disposal laws to prevent the human health dangers caused by garbage disposal. These rules direct each state to establish solid waste systems that prevent pollution at landfills, maximize use of recoverable materials and encourage resource conserva-

tion. In 1983, Oregon legislators established the [Opportunity to Recycle Act](#) (ORS 459A) which directs

landfill or incinerate discards.

Oregonians have a strong recycling ethic and took advantage of mandated curbside recycling pickup. Initially, recycled materials had to be rigorously separated by type, but in 1997 "commingling" was introduced to encourage wider participation.

### Myth of "Chasing Arrows"

Manufacturers started to place the "chasing arrows" icon on packaging, implying they are recyclable but usually they are not. Since there is not a good general understanding of what exactly is recyclable, garbage often winds up in the recycling bins. Plastic waste is particularly challenging to recycle. All those clear plastic clam-shell and most take-out food containers are actually "away" garbage (as in "throw it away").

Like so many aspects of manufacturing in the 21st Century, China is playing a key role in

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cities with a population over 4,000 and all counties to offer recycling services and prioritize efforts to reduce waste first, reuse, then recycle or compost, and as a last resort

# 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)

## Portland Wine Cellar virtual wine tasting

Can you believe its Browne?? Sunday, January 31, 5 pm, 60-75 minutes, \$45, includes three 375 mL (cabernet, chardonnay, and sparkling rose) servings of wine.

Join Erin and special guest, Andrew Browne, to learn about alternate packaging in the wine game! We'll talk production challenges, environmental impacts, flavor impacts, and marketing strife. This Walla Walla winery focuses on the Columbia Valley AVA for their can series. For more information, [please visit our website](#), email [wine@portlandwinecellar.com](mailto:wine@portlandwinecellar.com), or call 503-643-5655.

## Foot Traffic Winter Youth Running Camp at Terra Linda Park

Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 12-February 18, 3:30-4:30pm, Terra Linda Park, \$69, 3rd grade-8th grade. All abilities welcome.

Youth Running Camp is limited to 30 athletes, and we have three coaches to split athletes into groups of ten. We have successfully had over 200 young athletes complete our programs in NE Portland and Terra Linda over the past four months. It's a low-pressure program that focuses on fun and running fundamentals. We practice rain or shine for one hour each session. Masks are required when near other athletes and during arrival. We practice social distancing throughout the program. Foot Traffic has been holding zero to low-cost youth running programs for over 18 years in the Portland Metro area.

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All West side program practices start at Terra Linda Park unless otherwise noted. Look for the Foot Traffic tent when arriving. Scholarships and waivers available upon request by emailing [sean@foottraffic.us](mailto:sean@foottraffic.us).

For more information, please call 503-284-0345 or visit our website, [foottraffic.us/youth-xc](http://foottraffic.us/youth-xc)

## Peninsula Insurance has a new name: Timmco

You may have noticed a new sign on the Peninsula Insurance building across from the old Bales Thriftway. Peninsula Insurance, an agency purchased by Timmco Insurance in 2009, is now using the Timmco Insurance name.

Timmco purchased the business from Cherie Boyce, who [with her mother Eula had moved it to Cedar Mill in 1992. Cherie retired in 2009, and sold it to Timmco.](#) John Timm and Andy Rosson were the owners of Timmco (founded by Bill Timm in 1970) and had known the previous owners for some time. It continues to be a family business, with Andy's son Bob Rosson running the Cedar Mill location, while John Timm's daughter Susie and son Brian manage the NE Broadway location.

Timmco Insurance recently updated its logo and used that opportunity to adopt the Timmco brand for both of its Portland offices (NW Cornell and NE Broadway). Their Cornell staff continues to work from home but is hoping for a return to the office soon. The staff remains the same. You can reach Debbie Baxter, Kim Thomas, Kim Hanlon, Steven DaSilva, and Bob Rosson by calling 503-644-5333. They are eager to help with your personal and business insurance needs.

## Sunset Credit Union to postpone 7th Annual Shred-It Day

Due to COVID-19, Sunset Credit Union's Annual 'Shred-It' day will need to be postponed until later in the year. With their branch closed to in-person transactions, the credit union is following Oregon government protocols and will not be able to receive any materials from the public at this time.

"As much as we enjoy offering this once-a-year, free service to the residents and businesses of Washington County, we've got to follow unique measures for the safety of our staff," said Sunset CEO Rhonda Baggaley. "Hopefully we'll be able to offer this community service later in the year."

The annual event—now in its seventh year—has become popular with Washington County residents. Last year, the credit union estimates it shredded over one and half tons of old documents. Look for new details of Sunset's Annual Shred-it Day coming soon.

The Sunset Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Washington County. To learn more, stop by their office at 1100 NW Murray Blvd, [visit their website](#), or contact them at 503-643-1335.

## Village Gallery of Arts News

The Village Gallery of Arts is implementing COVID-19 protective measures. To ensure the safety of all visitors, masks are required (masks and gloves will be available onsite), hand sanitizer will be provided, physical distancing is mandatory, and the number of visitors at any one time is limited. If you wish to touch any gallery items, please follow the desk worker's instructions!

We have new adult classes and workshops! For details, [please visit our website](#).

**Jean Anderson: Watercolor Basics**

**Thursdays, January 14, 21, 10 am-12 pm, Zoom, two-session class; maximum of seven students per class.**

Have you always wanted to learn how to paint with watercolor? This is the class for you! Regardless of drawing skill, I believe anyone can enjoy painting. As soon as you dip a brush in paint and glide it across the paper, I know you will be hooked! Watercolor is a beautiful medium, and at the end of the first class, you will complete a small painting that you will be proud of.

As this is an interactive Zoom class, we will start painting immediately! You will watch me with a camera placed just above my

brush while I walk you through the technique, and I will verbally repeat the steps as you practice, allowing you to ask questions as we go along. Throughout the period, students will hold their work up so I can make sure I am being clear. Students have told me it is so much easier to see what I am doing than in a live class! I like to have a good time, and each class is lots of fun.

If you decide to take this class, please contact me at 503-649-9097 so I can talk to you about supplies. I can tell you if what you have will work and if not, what to buy and where to find them. For more information, [visit my website](#)—you can see my work, find supply details, and read my history.

**Jean Anderson: How to Paint Snow in Watercolor**

**Wednesday, January 20, 10 am-12 pm, via Zoom, one-session class**

January is the perfect time to paint snow! If you would like to learn how to paint snow that sparkles and looks realistic, please join this class. We will start with a simple scene before moving on to



more difficult paintings (possibly including a Mt. Hood study)!

I am flexible about supplies and would prefer that you use what you already have. A detailed list will be provided when you sign up.

**Jean Anderson: Line and Wash**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 10 am-12 pm, via Zoom, one-session class, maximum seven students per class.**

While painters enjoy using watercolors, it is fun to have a diversion from painting by incorporating permanent pens into your art! It is not important to have impressive drawing or painting skills to do line and wash. We will start with basic images that will amaze your

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## CPO 1 News

## CPO 1 January Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 7 pm, [via zoom](#)

We'll begin with introductions, announcements, and updates from representatives from our Service Districts including BSD, WCSO, THPRD, TVFR as available.

The first presentation will be on the COVID Vaccination Program in Washington County. Marni Kuyll, Director of Washington County Department of Health & Human Services, will visit to give us the latest information on the vaccination program and provide additional information on our COVID response.

Following that, State Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward will provide a report on her priorities for the 2021 Legislative Session and take a few questions/comments from the members.

Then we'll learn about [PGE's Project Zero](#). Kimberly Howard, PGE Program Manager, will provide information about this program that represents PGE's commitment to engaging students in learning about climate science and clean energy, providing green job opportunities for young adults disconnected from work and school, and investing in greenspace development in communities disproportionately feeling the impacts of climate change. We have invited Sunset's Climate Club. All students are encouraged to join the meeting to learn about these opportunities!

[Join us on Zoom](#) or watch the [simulcast on our Facebook page](#).

## CPO1 December Meeting Summary

by Vicky Siah

Brenda Schaffer, Public Outreach & Education Specialist for the Bethany area of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, told us about a new scam tactic that relates to the "work from home" environment this winter season. Scammers encourage victims to receive parcels and forward them to scam companies for pay. However, the Sheriff's Office has discovered that the contents of these packages are likely products purchased through stolen credit cards. Victims of this scam are tied into criminal activity and may be prosecuted alongside scammers.

Beaverton School District representative Kara Yunck delivered her first news update to CPO1, cover-

ing childcare, emergency supplies, boundaries, and school naming. The BSD's childcare offering received a "tremendous response" after the CARES Act funded program became available, and Yunck reports that many applications are still pending. The BSD budget will have run out of CARES funds once all processing is finished.

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District has closed all facilities in accordance with Governor Kate Brown's guidelines. Brian Yourstone says that THPRD will provide online fitness videos and Microsoft Teams classes for yoga and tai chi in lieu of in-person activities. Cedar Hills and Conestoga centers will continue to be open for out-of-school-hours childcare.

Representative Maxine Dexter, who won the November election and is serving her freshman term for District 33, gave us an update on her priorities and plans. She is a pulmonologist at Kaiser Permanente, and as a medical practitioner she emphasizes legislation that improves healthcare and addresses its social determinants.

Dexter is presently working on 14 bills ranging from COVID-19 relief to housing, business, and environmental regulations. She lists her priorities as "healthcare, workers, and climate," advocating for a shift to a global budget for state public employees. Dexter is a staunch supporter of environmental regulations. Her plastics and air quality bills are set to reinforce those beliefs in statewide policies.

More information about Representative Dexter's priorities can be found in her [November election article statement](#). Her [legislative web page](#) is here. Read her update on page XXX

THPRD planners Peter Swinton and Jeannine Rustad presented the slideshow from their October 20 virtual community meeting outlining the project to create a bridge across Highway 26 that will enable a portion of the Westside Trail to stretch from SW Greenbrier Parkway and NW Cornell Road. THPRD is seeking funding options for the bridge project and "determining feasibility." They are considering federal funding in addition to Metro. Design for the Westside Trail Bridge should be complete by the summer of 2021. An article on the full presentation is available in the [December 2020](#) issue of the Cedar Mill News.

Lili Boicourt and Kelly Martin concluded the meeting by summarizing the Oregon Department of Transportation Highway 217 Auxiliary Lanes project. Auxiliary lanes can potentially reduce crash rates by reducing merging, leading to a safer highway for Oregonians. All funding is set for this project, which will be in construction for the next four years at a total cost of \$134 million. See [Road News in the December issue](#).

The meeting was recorded and is [available on our Facebook page](#).

## Neighborhood Meetings

We have received no notices of upcoming neighborhood meetings for January. We'll update this web page if notices come in after printing.

## Proposed 10-lot subdivision "Thompson Crossing"

AKS Engineering & Forestry hosted a meeting on December 17 to inform the community about the proposal by Biggi Investment Partnership to develop approximately 1.3 acres on the south side of Thompson Rd. into 10 single family lots with 10 two-story attached dwellings, similar to townhomes.

Considerable neighborhood concern about road safety and other issues led to around 50 neighbors showing up for the online meeting. We gave some background in the [December issue of Cedar Mill News](#). AKS answered many of the questions posed by community members, including that they plan to dedicate Right of Way (ROW) to enable Thompson to be a three-lane road with sidewalks and bike lanes adjacent to this development.

A group of neighbors in the adjacent Thompson Highlands [created a website](#) to help people stay in touch and collect and share information about Thompson Road safety "in order to better allow neighbors to advocate for good decision-making by Washington County." They are questioning the traffic study conducted by AKS and are considering obtaining legal help. The [AKS slide show from the meeting](#) is on their site here.

One of the biggest questions neighbors had was about a plan to

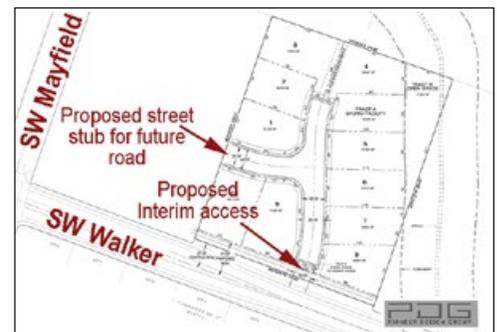
eliminate this curve on Thompson that had long been discussed by Washington County, and before that on Metro's transportation plan. (The property is part of the roughly 160-acre [Urban Growth Expansion area](#) that was transferred [from rural Multnomah County in 2014](#).) AKS representative Mimi Doukas said that this was a question for Washington County that could be addressed by sending comments once the development application is submitted to the county. We'll update this page if we get notice of the application before the February issue comes out.

## Proposed 10-lot subdivision "Lynnridge Estates"

On December 23, 2020, Wayne Hayson of Pioneer Design Group hosted a virtual neighborhood meeting to present a proposal to develop approximately 2.12 acres into a ten-lot single-family subdivision. The property, zoned R-5 (five lots per acre) is on the north side of Walker Road just west of Highway 217.

Proposed access to the lots is via an interim entrance off Walker, pending development of the property to the west that is adjacent to Mayfield Road. That can't be the permanent entrance because Walker is an arterial and has intersection spacing standards. However the county may approve an interim access in situations where no other access is feasible. A stub road would end at the east end of the adjacent property.

Hayson responded to a letter from the neighbor to the west, who



Preliminary layout for Lynnridge Estates

says they have no plans to sell in the near future. They are asking if the access to Mayfield could be redesigned to the north of their property. Hayson's response was they may look at that, but it might mean losing one or two lots in the development. Hayson says, "We will continue to talk to and work with neighbors if they have any concerns and try to address them the best we can."

# Sunset students tackle climate change

by Cami Villanueva, CMN intern

Climate change has been a looming threat to us for many years. With the short amount of time we have left to make a change, we need to buy more time for permanent, systemic solutions.

solutions and make them available to more people. SHS Climate Change Club focuses on educating Sunset High students and the surrounding community, as well as providing opportunities for people to pitch in their support for a clean Earth, like styrofoam recycling drives. Environmental Leaders Club makes their impact in Sunset High School itself, working on projects like creating compost bins and having reusable cutlery rather than using plastic.

“The inspiration for the formation was watching the world around us, and seeing how not enough action has been taken to combat this urgent crisis. We wanted to make a difference at Sunset and in the community,” said Jess Fong and Yusuf Arifin, the two co-presidents of SHS Climate Change Club.

It’s inspiring to see young people take initiative and work together to seek more sustainable habits for our community, especially when we see so much inaction from those seated

in higher positions. Despite not being able to meet in person, these driven students meet every week via zoom, putting their plans to action.

However, forming a club is the easy part. What comes after is where the magic happens and positive change begins. This is where you, our community, need to step up. Your support is important and impactful to helping these students reach their goals. Right now the SHS Climate Change Club is setting up a second styrofoam drive and a sticker sale, and the Environmental Leaders Club is organizing another can and bottle drive.

Stay tuned on their instagram accounts [@shsclimatechangeclub](#) and [@shsenvironleaders](#). If you have any questions, you can email SHS Climate Club, [shsclimatechangeclub@gmail.com](mailto:shsclimatechangeclub@gmail.com), or visit their website. You can also email Environmental Leaders Club, [sunsetenvironmentalleaders@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetenvironmentalleaders@gmail.com).

## Viva Village January activities

Please come participate in Viva Village’s January events! For Zoom links, please RSVP by calling 503-746-5082 or emailing [vivavillageevents@gmail.com](mailto:vivavillageevents@gmail.com). More infor-

mation regarding these events can be found at [vivavillageevents.com](http://vivavillageevents.com)!

These events are open to the public. For member/volunteer activities, [read this online](#) or visit the [Viva Village website](#).

### Online Village 101

Saturday, January 9, 10am, RSVP for the Zoom Link

Are you aging in place? Learn more about how you can join Viva Village from experienced members and volunteers.

### Online Age Café

Friday, January 8 and 22, 11am-12pm, RSVP for Zoom Link

Small group conversations exploring topics of interest to older adults. Sponsored by Viva Village in partnership with City Library and Washington County DAVS.

### Online Men’s Coffee Break

Monday, January 25, 10-11am, RSVP for the Zoom Link

Join a wide-ranging conversation with Viva Village members and volunteers.

### Online Village Book Club

Tuesday, January 26, 1-2:30 pm, RSVP for the Zoom Link

Book Selection: A Long Petal of the Sea, by Isabel Allende.



Collecting styrofoam is a community service that diverts waste and gives the neighborhood the opportunity to do the right thing.

Though climate change is a difficult problem to solve, there are simple ways for us as a community to delay its destructive progress.

Over the last year, Sunset High School students have founded the SHS Climate Change Club and the Environmental Leaders Club. These clubs aim to leverage those simple

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## Christmas Tree recycling

Scout Troops 618 & 5618  
 Saturday & Sunday, Jan 1 & 2,  
 9 & 10, 12 pm-4 pm, St. Andrew  
 Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner

We are taking trees for recycling. Suggested donation \$10.00 or more per tree \$5.00 per swag/wreath/garland. We gratefully accept cans and bottles for our fundraising effort as well. For more information: [618treecycle@gmail.com](mailto:618treecycle@gmail.com) 503-567-9194 Special thanks to Bartlett Tree Experts for donating chipping services.

Troop 207  
 Monday & Tuesday, January 4 & 5, 9 am-3 pm, Old Bales Thriftway parking lot, 12675 NW Cornell Rd.

Troop 207 will have a drop off location accepting greenery for recycling, however we are unable to accept flocked trees. For more information please [visit the website](http://visitthewebsite.com) or email the troop: [treerecycling@ortroop207.org](mailto:treerecycling@ortroop207.org).

Sunset Racquetball Tree Collection  
 Although our sports season was cancelled this year due to COVID19, Sunset High School's Racquetball Team is still doing its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Fundraiser now through the end of

January. It is a Tree Pick Up Service for donations and we serve the greater Portland area. All proceeds go to offset costs for Sunset High School's Racquetball Program and the High School Racquetball Nationals Championship Tournament next season.

All trees are recycled into woodchips. Donations can be cash, check payable to 'Sunset Racquetball', or sent by Paypal or Venmo ([sunset.racquetball@gmail.com](mailto:sunset.racquetball@gmail.com)). We are COVID conscience and will work with you for a contactless tree pick up. We can schedule a pick up date and time. We are available from now until the end of January weekday afternoons/evenings and anytime on weekends.

If you would like us pick up your tree, email [sunset.racquetball@gmail.com](mailto:sunset.racquetball@gmail.com) or call/text Team Manager Curtis Lipski (503-308-3763).

If none of these options work for you, check the [Metro Recycling](http://MetroRecycling.com) site. Type in your address in the "Location" box, Christmas Trees in the "How to get rid of" box and other service providers will be listed.

## Washington County Forum

Join us virtually at the Washington County Public Affairs Forum! As we all continue to do what we can to stop the spread of COVID-19, the Forum will continue with its 2020-21 season in the new year by kicking off with a series of panels you don't want to miss. You can obtain the Zoom link to join these free events by visiting the Forum website at [washingtoncountyforum.org](http://washingtoncountyforum.org).

Here are the engaging Forum topics for January:

**Local emerging female leaders**  
 Monday, January 11, 12-1 pm

State Representative-elect Winsvey Campos, Beaverton City Councilor-elect Nadia Hasan, and THPRD board member Felicitia Montebalanco will discuss their visions and priorities for Washington County.

**Beaverton and Tigard-Tualatin School District Superintendents**  
 Monday, January 18, 12-1 pm

Don Grotting and Sue Rieke-Smith will discuss the state of our public schools in the face of COVID, state support, and equality and justice issues.

The Secretary of State's Office  
 Monday, January 25, 12-1 pm

A representative from the Secretary of State's office will highlight the process, politics, and future of redistricting.

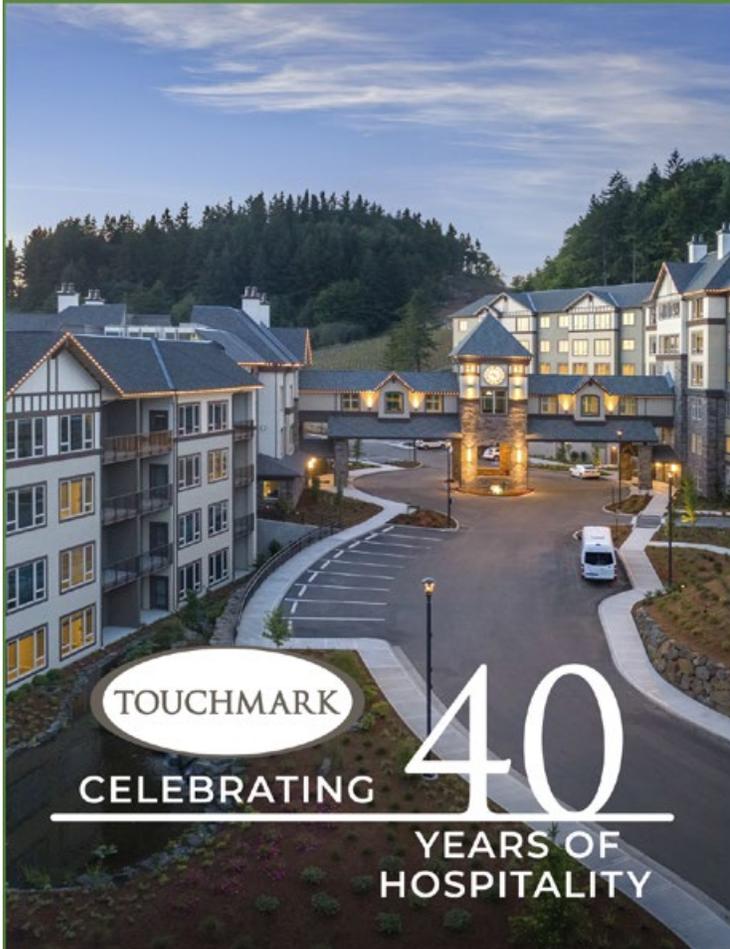
## Westview Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 20, 11 am-5 pm, Cedar Mill Rock Creek Center, 19180 NW West Union Road.

Blood drives have been cancelled due to COVID-19, and we need your help—please [sign up to give blood!](http://signuptogiveblood.com)

The American Red Cross ensures a safe donation environment. Donated blood will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies, temperature checks are conducted at the door, and only donors are allowed in the donation/waiting areas. Masks are required (if donors do not have a mask, the Red Cross will provide one) and blood donation is by appointment only.

Every donation is appreciated immensely, and your blood can save up to three lives! For more information on the January blood drive, email Westview Red Cross President Vicky Siah at [vicky.p.siah@gmail.com](mailto:vicky.p.siah@gmail.com).



## THE {FULL} LIFE: 40 YEARS OF FAMILY VALUES

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problem, Portland Clean Air filed information requests and obtained the data from eight agencies that regulate Portland industry. We use statistics software, GIS mapping, Google mapping, computer programming, and web design to make this data understandable to everyone.

Currently Multnomah County is ranked by the EPA in the worst 1.3% of counties in the US for diesel particulate, the most dangerous airborne carcinogen according to State of California risk assessments. When used, diesel particulate filters capture 90% of a truck's particulate exhaust. By 2015 virtually all California diesel trucks had a filter, as required by law. In the three-county Portland area, three-fourths of commercial trucks do not have a filter, according to ODOT and DMV records.

[Ed. Note: I was told that the reason Oregon doesn't have requirements for diesel filters was related to our lack of campaign funding regulations. We just voted to begin regulating that, so hopefully we'll get better health protection from future legislatures.]

In 2018, ODOT counted as many as 285 commercial trucks in a 24-hour period on Sunset Highway. This is a relatively high truck count, however areas of Inner NE Portland experience truck rates up to six times higher. Portland Clean Air is helping people install and interpret \$50 wifi sensors that can track this particulate. We also loan \$300 particulate sensors with

**Book Review:**  
**Swedes in Oregon**  
by Lisa Beaty

Using illustrated brochures, Oregon courted Scandinavians to be investors, settlers, and immigrants to the Pacific Northwest. The success of this campaign is documented by the authors' claim that, by 1930, 10% of foreign-born persons in Oregon were from Sweden. The Swedes moved in and moved on to accomplishments in art, fashion, education, logging, politics, and more. The authors collected hundreds of photographs as visual prompts to the historical information shared.

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"Swedes in Oregon" is a labor of love, a trove of memories compiled

GPS that can be biked around the neighborhood. Unusually heavy exposure results in black or dark grey buildup on doors, windows, and porches. According to NASA, any indoor HEPA air filter can remove all woodsmoke and diesel particulate. Many low-income people live in areas of higher exposure, but we don't know of any program to help them acquire filters.

## Industrial air pollution

Portland Clean Air's ranking of the [Washington County industries most dangerous to human health](#), according to the DEQ Level I Screening, can be found on their website. The Cedar Mill area has no



Sources of pollution in the Cedar Mill area. See text for what each symbol represents.

heavy industry so is blank on that map. The map showing every industry releasing toxic chemicals to the air, including in Cedar Mill, is on the [Hillsboro Air & Water website](#).

## Dry cleaning, (6 in a hexagon symbol)

This symbol is a DEQ Air Contaminant Discharge Permit (ACDP) for a dry cleaner using Tetrachloroethylene, also known as perchloroethylene or "perc." After looking at DEQ dry cleaner records, it appeared they each use and emit

by David A. Anderson and Ann

Baudin Stuller, the descendants of Swedish immigrants who came to the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. There isn't a story line to follow, but the book chronicles the multiple, successful enterprises and endeavors engaged in by these immigrants, as well as some cultural

approximately one 55 gallon drum per year of this chemical. The EPA reports that health effects from high-level inhalation exposure to humans include irritation of the upper respiratory tract and eyes, neurological damage, adverse effects in the kidney, liver, immune system and hematologic system, and on reproduction and development. Studies of people exposed to perc in the workplace have found associations with several types of cancer. Numerous dry cleaners in the Portland area do not use perc for this reason.

## Auto body painting (A in a circle symbol)

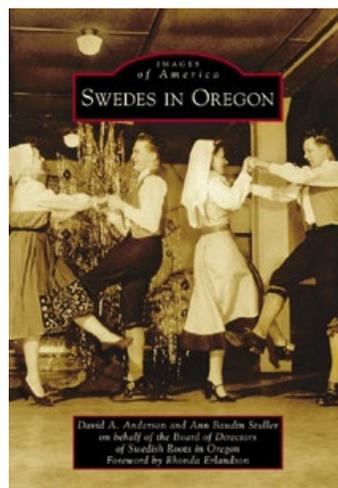
Living by an auto body painter often means experiencing a strong VOC odor. Industrial solvents at this concentration are not a significant danger to human health but can pose enough of a significant nuisance to warrant a control device such as a thermal oxidizer. Such a device can remove 99% of VOCs from the paint booth smokestack before they go airborne.

## Toxic industrial chemical use (1-5 in a circle symbols)

These are facilities in the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Hazardous Substance Information System (HSIS) for onsite chemical storage data for each industry. We have removed most non-hazardous materials and all chemicals coded by North American Industrial Classification System denoting chemicals warehoused or for retail, thus, not being used

celebrations and holidays. If you are of Swedish ancestry, and your roots are in the Pacific Northwest, you may find this book engaging.

This book is from the series "Images of America," from [Arcadia Publishing](#). NOTE: the review copy is available, email [info@cedarmill-news.com](mailto:info@cedarmill-news.com) if you want it!



onsite. To view onsite chemicals in use at these facilities, go to the map at the top of [portlandcleanair.org](http://portlandcleanair.org), click on the symbol, and click on the link that appears on the sidebar at the left of the page. None of these industries are large enough to report to DEQ, so if chemical emissions were a concern, it would probably only affect neighbors living within a block or two.

## Hillsboro Airport

The Hillsboro Airport is the single largest industrial emitter of airborne lead in Oregon according to the EPA. The EPA National Emissions Inventory (NEI) released in February 2018 reported that the Hillsboro Airport releases 1,211 pounds of lead annually into the air. Of all the foundries, lead smelters, steel mills, battery manufacturers, airports, mines, chemical plants, and military bases in the United States, Hillsboro Airport ranks 65th worst out of 35,804 sources of airborne industrial lead pollution watched by the EPA. [For more info visit this page.](#)

## Get involved

Portland Clean Air works with 43 Portland Neighborhood Association boards, 14 churches and synagogues, three coalitions, and six other local groups to negotiate directly with the most dangerous industrial air polluters. They are working with [Washington County Citizen Action Network \(WC CAN\)](#) and [Hillsboro Air & Water](#) to bring awareness and action to the Tualatin Valley.

For questions, how to volunteer, and for new organizations who want to participate, contact [greg@portlandcleanair.org](mailto:greg@portlandcleanair.org).

## Library Events

### Kids

**Rockstar Readers Book Club**  
January 19, 4-4:45 pm, online via Zoom

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### Adults

**Estate Planning Workshop**  
Wednesday, January 20, 6-7:30 pm, Adults, Online via Zoom

Everyone has an estate, no matter what you've acquired in life. Yet 75% of the public is unprepared. Join attorney Richard Schneider, co-author of *Fundamentals of Oregon Estate Planning*, to learn about the legal documents that everyone needs.

# Do we have a speed limit problem?

by Cami Villanueva, CMN intern

If you've been on local social media, you're used to seeing complaints of speeding in neighborhoods in the Cedar Mill area. With more people going out to walk around the neighborhood to escape the confines of their home this quarantine, it's more important than ever that we keep these residential areas safe.

Some think the roads in the Cedar Mill area, like Saltzman, have too high speed limits considering the amount of pedestrian traffic and closely-spaced intersections. Even residential streets with 25 mph speed limits are seen as too fast in some neighborhoods. Unfortunately, since we are not in a city, there are more steps to changing the speed limits. That's why we can see some recent speed changes in Portland, but not here. We need to take a step back and wonder if we need to go through the trouble. Saltzman, for example, is 35 mph, sometimes 40 mph in some places. Is the speed limit itself too high, or is there a lack of compliance to the speed limit?



Burton neighbors had speed bumps installed to discourage speeders. In general, neighbors have to share the cost of such measures so few neighborhoods do this.

By joining the Neighborhood Streets Program you can build a network with Washington County's Traffic Engineering Department and

help find solutions to speeding in neighborhoods without having to go to ODOT and waiting for them to complete their long review process.

We should attempt alternative traffic calming techniques before reducing speed limits because while speed reduction ("20 Is Plenty") was good for the city of Portland, it isn't feasible under current state law, and may not be the best option for us. Sometimes, reducing the speed limit only causes frustration, leading to more dangerous

behavior. Some ways a neighborhood has tried to reduce speed is by using stop signs and speed humps. For example, NW Burton Street uses speed humps and NW Westlawn Terrace (the street behind the Sunset Mall) has stop signs at every intersection.

Of course,

another solution could be you! Set a good example in your neighborhood and other residential areas by driving the speed limit. Or perhaps you mention to your neighbor how speeding is a dangerous problem in the area. Don't ever blame anyone for the speeding problem, though. More often than not, speeding is an unconscious mistake. That's why the Neighborhood Streets Program's efforts to create awareness can be so effective. With your example and input on the problem, you can help give a small reminder to others to keep their speed in mind.

Until changes are made and

problems are fixed, pedestrians, please be careful while walking around your neighborhood. It's important that you go out and stretch your legs, but do it in a safe manner.

Walk on the sidewalk (if you have one!) and don't bike in the middle on the road, especially near street corners/intersections. If it's dark out, bring a light and/or reflective gear. Though it is the driver's responsibility not to hit pedestrians, let's make their job as easy as possible. Together as a community, we can make our roads even safer by being mindful and cautious!

[Ed. Note: We'll explore changes in Oregon law that may lead to

more local control over speed limits in a later issue.]

## The Big One? How to Become Earthquake Safe in Your Home

Wednesday, January 20, 7 pm, see below for registration

The BIG ONE? Will your piano rock? Your refrigerator roll? Many items we consider stable become a threat with undulation and earth tremors.

Your cozy winter in-house attention can generate great results for early

preparation. Join Cedar Hills Ready (all neighborhoods welcome) for this informative session.

Our goal for this meeting is to help you and your family think through what might happen in the event of a large earthquake, and how you can prepare and practice ahead of time to protect yourself and your loved ones. You will learn—in a fun, interactive format—the steps for becoming earthquake safe within your home. Join our zoom meeting for a fun demonstration and useful tips to make your home safe. Spread the word. Invite your family and friends. We welcome everyone! It's free and open to the public.

Register in advance for this meeting.



Saltzman had a 35-mile-per-hour limit all the way through downtown, and some feel it's too high. Options for changing it are limited at this time.

On this ODOT web page there is a way to request a review, but the form must be filled out by a county. If you feel like your neighborhood should be under consideration for lower traffic speeds, first consider going to this web page on the Washington County website where you can learn about and get involved with the Neighborhood Streets Program. This Washington County program brings local residents together to face problems like speeding by trying to implement traffic calming techniques like adding speed signs, providing speed radars, and other ways that create awareness in the community.

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## State Legislative Update

by Maxine Dexter, District 33

Governor Brown called for a special legislative session on December 15 with the primary goal of providing additional wildfire and COVID relief. The session successfully began and concluded on December 21. While the session was notably short, we were able to pass four bills—meaningful and important legislation. Here is a short summary of the bills passed, you may also [review OPB's summary here](#).

[House Bill 4401](#) extends the moratorium on residential evictions until June 30, 2021 for Oregonians who have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation also establishes a landlord compensation fund to cover rental assistance and allows Oregon Housing and Community Services to grant funds for additional rental assistance.

Recent data from the National Council of State Housing Agencies estimates that anywhere from 27,700 to 56,100 Oregon households would have been at risk of eviction on January 1st without the statewide extension of the eviction moratorium. We will notify you when these programs begin accepting applications.

[House Bill 4402](#) provides temporary liability protections to schools that are complying with COVID-19 emergency rules. Schools are not protected if they are not following Oregon Occupational Safety & Health (OSHA) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) rules. This bill provides additional incentive for schools, administrators, and teachers to follow health directives and best practices. The measure provides whistleblower protections to third party contractors, such as janitorial service providers, bus drivers, and food service providers.

[Senate Bill 1801](#) allows restaurants and bars to temporarily sell and deliver mixed drinks to-go if the mixed drink is sold in a sealed container. The bill caps fees that third-party delivery providers can issue at 15%. Local governments with already-existing third-party fee caps can maintain their own lower limits. Many independent restaurants are currently hanging on by a thread. This support for small businesses comes at a critical time as the pandemic continues and restaurants have had in-person dining disrupted.

[Senate Bill 5731](#) includes \$600 million to allow the state to continue to fund critical pandemic-related programs that will support Oregonians in the first few months



of 2021, as well as provide more support for Oregonians impacted by the Labor Day wildfires. It also includes \$150 million for the Landlord Compensation Fund and \$50 million for rental assistance.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you need assistance with a state agency or would like to share your thoughts about the issues important to you. My email is [Rep.MaxineDexter@OregonLegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.MaxineDexter@OregonLegislature.gov), my team will get back to you as soon as we can.

The best way to stay informed and connect with my legislative work is through my [Facebook page](#), my [Twitter account](#), and my Instagram ([@RepDexterOR](#)).

### Housing Providers Needed for Beaverton Metro HomeShare Program

Do you have an extra room in your home? Could you benefit from sharing expenses? Would you like help with tasks such as grocery shopping, transportation or cleaning?

Metro HomeShare is actively seeking home providers throughout Washington County. Metro HomeShare helps community members stabilize their housing by turning the extra rooms of their home into rentals for those seeking an affordable room to rent. Metro HomeShare provides background checks, home visits, match screenings, rental agreements, and mediation services.

If you or someone you know would like to be a Metro HomeShare Provider, call 971-271-5195, email [MetroHomeShare@EMOregon.org](mailto:MetroHomeShare@EMOregon.org) or visit [MetroHomeShare.org](http://MetroHomeShare.org)

Recycling, continued from page 1 transforming recycled waste into reusable raw materials. However Oregon, and the entire USA, can no longer rely on the global recycling model since China dramatically reduced recycling intake of mixed paper and plastics starting in 2017 due to contamination. This created a huge disruption to the recycling model and forced the issue on the state.

**Shifting the responsibility to producers**

As a direct result, the Recycling Steering Committee (RSC) was formed in 2018 to confront Oregon’s recycling issues. The RSC’s proposed recommendations have been completed, calling for truth-in-labeling (no more chasing arrows on non-recyclable stuff!), a statewide collection list, reduced contamination, and accountability. The RSC seeks to expand the Bottle Bill to remove more glass from recycling pathways.

A powerful aspect of the recommendations is Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which is a mandatory type of product stewardship that includes, at a minimum, the requirement that the producer’s responsibility for its product includes post-consumer management of that product and its packaging. Oregon currently has EPR laws for beverage containers, electronics, paint, and pharmaceutical products. Producers would be mandated to join a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO). The PRO would operate on an eco-modulated fee model, where producers pay based on the environmental impact of their products.

Amazingly, many manufacturers and other industry players are finding that Oregon’s modernization effort is workable and they are able to support it. Financing would be provided through a Collection Service Excise Tax, a Generator Fee, a Producer Fee, a Recycling Gate Fee Surcharge, a Solid Waste Disposal Fee Surcharge, and a Retail Packaging Fee that would be assessed at the point of sale and is the only fee paid directly by the consumer. Oregon’s current system, including the modernization effort slated for the 2021 legislative session, is explained in detail on this [DEQ web page](#).

Locally, the [2019-2020 Annual Report](#) of the Solid Waste and Recycling division of the county’s Department of Health and Human Services explains the information

and resources the county provides to help community members, property managers and businesses sustainably manage materials by preventing waste, recycling, and disposing of garbage properly. Find a [list of recyclables and recycling guidelines here](#).

**THPRD January news**

**Thank you to our community!**

THPRD extends a huge thank you to the community—the Annual Holiday Giving Drive gave many Beaverton families a happier holiday season. In total, THPRD was able to distribute \$5,170 in gift cards to Beaverton School District families and others served by the Beaverton Family Promise.

**Register now for Winter 2021 virtual classes**

Registration for [THPRD’s Winter 2021 classes](#) is now open! These classes will be held online via Microsoft Teams in light of the ongoing pandemic. THPRD’s goal is to offer an abundance of fun virtual classes for people of all ages, encouraging the community to stay active year-round. Four main options will be provided this winter: arts and crafts, dance, sports and fitness, and enrichment. With a widening program, there is surely something for everyone!

The catalog of class offerings is separated into age groups of preschool, youth, and teen/adult. To register, please visit the [THPRD online portal](#).

**THPRD Out-of-School Time Program**

**Mondays-Fridays, 7:30 am-6:00 pm, Cedar Hills and Conestoga Recreation Centers, cost varies**

THPRD is supporting families with children by offering their Out-of-School Time Program at their Cedar Hills and Conestoga locations. After registering, parents can drop off their kids at THPRD, where children can safely learn and interact with each other in pods of ten. This program is reserved for students in kindergarten to fifth grade. Pricing (by month) is listed at the [THPRD website](#) alongside a COVID-19 FAQ.

If you are interested in enrolling or looking for more information, please email Jennifer Chapin at [jchapin@thprd.org](mailto:jchapin@thprd.org) or Stefanie Pace at [space@thprd.org](mailto:space@thprd.org).

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I use Micron pens, but if you prefer ink pens, feel free to use them! Supplies are simple: yellow, red and blue watercolor, brushes, a micron pen (or two), and watercolor paper. I am flexible about supplies and would prefer that you use what you already have.

**Lori McLaughlin: Color Theory Workshop—Mix, Play and Learn Sunday, January 17, 1-4 pm, 1060 NW Saltzman, maximum of three students per class, one-session, on-site workshop.**

Face masks required. Socially-distanced classroom, all materials provided. Students may bring their own brushes and rags for clean-up. In this class, we will learn about the wonderful theory of color and delve into acrylic color mixing! The class will be introduced to the color wheel and touch on implied texture. It is fun way to understand our ongoing fascination with color! If you have any questions, please call 503-931-4517.

**Camille Schectman: Mixed Media Mission Art Course de Camille Wednesdays, January 27, February 3-24, 10 am-12 pm, via Zoom, five-session class**

Class 1: Introduction and reminiscing; joyful moments; future visioning. Planning our piece. Class 2: Gathering materials, editing, and composition. Mastering the technique of collaging. Class 3: Preparing the ground—textures and mediums. Class 4: Encaustic, stencils, and masking off. Class 5: Painting techniques; acrylic and oil paint. Allowing our finished work to guide and inspire us.

This is more than just an art course: it is a deeply personal experiential project. I am honored to have this opportunity to inspire other artists to fully incarnate through their art. We will collect imagery—photos, magazine clippings, fabric, found objects—that are special/symbolic to your most joyful moments as well as something you envision for your future. This will help us envision a goal that illuminates and aligns us on our path. The journey is the experience, and the creation is therapeutic.

This course is for the novice artist as well as the more experienced. See the [Village Gallery of Arts website](#) for more details.



**2021 County boards and committees openings**

*Compiled by Vicky Siah, CMN intern*

Washington County is looking for applicants who can fill spots on Washington County advisory boards and committees. If appointed, these residents will make recommendations to the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

These positions are designed to provide a spotlight on resident voices. This is an opportunity to become involved in our local government, and by serving, applicants can advocate for the issues they believe in. If you have some extra time and an interest in participating, scroll through the list and see if something matches your interest and experience. Please visit the [Washington County Boards and Commissions website](#) for more details and to apply.

**Aging and Veteran Services Advisory Council—Seven positions available now**

To best advocate for Washington County’s elderly and veterans, the County requires applicants to have professional, personal, and community familiarity with related issues. Areas of discussion will include policy, programs, and actions that relate to government-provided service. This council works with the Aging and Veterans’ Services and the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

**Behavioral Health Council—Five positions available after March 31,**

The County is looking for a diverse group of individuals to represent “recipients of service, advocates, professionals in the field, key referral sources, provider representatives, and lay citizens.” This position allows the government to have input from community members on needs, funding priorities, and service partnerships.

**Civil Service Commission—Two positions available now**

These individuals will represent the five Commissioner districts

in Washington County, and their objective is to evaluate the County's employment practices. Washington County employee appeals will be directed to this council. Thus, the council can expect to oversee "appointments, disciplinary actions and classification allocations."

**Developmental Disabilities Council—Four positions available after February 28, 2021**

This council will consist of "recipients of service, advocates, professionals in the field, key referral sources, provider representatives, and lay citizens" to address developmental disability issues. During their sessions, this council covers needs, funding priorities, and service partnerships.

**Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) Advisory Committee—Two positions available now**

Sheriff-appointed members who reside or own business in the ESPD serve on this council. They are responsible for reviewing and recommending the directions of police service. This council may decide on long-term Sheriff/enhanced law enforcement and community partnership programs.

**Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)—Three positions available now and five positions available after March 31, 2021**

The HAC's purpose is to ensure that Washington County's housing needs are being met. Members may be called upon to review and recommend actions, advise the Housing Authority Board of Directors, and recommend resources that can fit the needs of low-income housing.

**North Bethany County Service District for Roads Budget Committee—Two positions available now**

This committee considers roads in the unincorporated North Bethany area; council members are responsible for the overview of Washington County's proposed road budget. Meetings involve both staff presentations and public hearings. The time-intensity may differ from year to year.

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board—Eight positions available**

Members typically represent all Commissioner districts in Washington County. The purpose of this board is to advise the County on "the maintenance, operations, and capital development needs of County parks, including Scoggins Valley Park / Henry Hagg Lake." Contact: Carl Switzer, 503-846-7001

**Public Health Advisory Council**

**(PHAC)—One position available now and one position available after January 31, 2021**

Preference will be given to applicants who experience health and social inequalities. PHAC members work with the Board of Commissioners and the Public Health Division Manager to make health-related recommendations. They have an advisory relationship to the Board of Commissioners, addressing federal and state-mandated responsibilities.

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee—Two positions available after March 31, 2021**

Responsibilities include recommending garbage and recycling decisions/programs. This addresses "the safe, economical and efficient collection, storage, transportation and disposal of garbage and recycling."

**Washington County and SDL No.1 Budget Committee—One position available now**

Each Commissioner will appoint a member from the overall applicant pool, regardless of which district the applicant resides in. The purpose and responsibility of this council is to review each fiscal year's proposed County budget.

**Washington County Salary Commission—Five positions available now through January 12, 2021, or until filled**

Five human resource professionals will serve in this council. Applicants require experience in management level compensation. This independent salary commission was recently created as the result of an amendment to the County Charter (on the November 2020 ballot); appointees will be tasked with determining Washington County Board of Commissioners' salaries. Cultural, geographic, and sector diversity factor into the selection process for council members.

**Clean Water Services Rate and Utility Bill Support**

In order to reduce the financial stress many families and businesses are continuing to feel from the COVID-19 pandemic, Clean Water Services is [extending the sanitary sewer and stormwater rate freeze](#) until July 1, 2021.

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