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Featured Business

Exit 21

Erick Siffert started Exit 21 Apparel Solutions LLC, an apparel consulting company, in 2009, after 20 years working at Nike and three



years at lululemon. The company moved into their office on the upper level of the new Milltown Center last fall, relocating from Old Town Portland because it had just gotten too dangerous. Siffert lives in Cedar Mill and was one of the first tenants to sign a lease in the new center.

The company provides design, material, and product development, color and sourcing solutions for mid-size apparel brands that want help creating seasonal collections for their consumers. "We are fortunate to

have a very experienced team and strong relationships with our manufacturing partners in the Far East, Europe, and the Americas that help us create the best finished product possible for our brand partners", says Siffert. Based on the customers direction (the seasonal brief), Exit 21 creates innovative designs, sources sustainable fabrics and trims, determines the right fit, and finds the right source while guiding the entire process to deliver the finished product on time.

The clients they work with offer mostly technical outerwear, functional activewear, lifestyle apparel, and professional workwear. They share the goals of sustainability, durability, and value. You can see examples on their website, exit-21.com. Most of



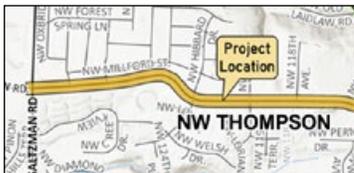
their business comes from recommendations from other clients.

"We provide all the expertise for
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Road news

Thompson Road surveying work

Neighbors noticed surveyors along Thompson Road between Saltzman and South Road. LUT said it was the beginning of the Thompson Road improvement project.



Survey work is the first step in Project Design which will stretch through 2023, with Right-of-Way acquisition (purchasing roadside land from property owners) from December 2023-June 2024. Construction is expected to start

in summer 2024, with construction finish (expected) in fall 2025.

The project will add bike lanes, sidewalks and a center turn lane to [Thompson Road between Saltzman Road and Marcotte Road](#). Neighbors hope that the project will lower the rate of accidents happening when drivers fail to negotiate the turns around the [proposed Biggi development](#).

Huntington Ave. sidewalk open house

Tuesday, February 7, 5-7 pm, Beaverton Resource Center, 13565 SW Walker Road.

Washington County plans to build new sidewalk on both sides of Huntington Avenue between Cedar Hills Boulevard and Glenhaven Street. The sidewalks will connect

What can we do to prevent power outages?

By Virginia Bruce

During late December and early January, high winds and prolific precipitation put stress on large trees in the area, resulting in branches and entire trees falling on power lines and causing frequent and sometimes widespread power outages. We talked to PGE and local arborists to find out if there were steps we could take to mitigate the danger.

Andrea Platt, PGE Communications, shares the [PGE web page on tree maintenance](#), outlining PGE's approach to tree safety and maintenance. She says, "It includes good guidance on planting the right trees in the right place, what PGE maintains and manages, and what homeowners can do for safety's sake when it comes to planting and pruning trees."

We asked if there was any effort to put more lines underground. She responded, "About half of PGE's power lines are already underground. We are always evaluating where additional undergrounding

could help mitigate risks, while balancing this with the impact to customer prices. There's no single solution to protect power lines from the effects of climate change and



One of the local trees that succumbed to the winter storms. Photo by Susan Mates.

the extreme weather events we are seeing in Oregon. For example, storms can cause trees to uproot, which can uproot buried electrical lines. Buried lines can also experience outages that are more difficult and time-consuming to repair—impacting the duration of an outage. Retrofitting established neighborhoods can be extremely complex given other systems that are underground and other factors. PGE is judicious about expenses that will ultimately impact customer prices."

We wondered about the causes

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to Cedar Hills Park and William Walker Elementary School.

The project cost is estimated at \$1.67 million. It is funded by the [Urban Road Maintenance District](#). Learn more on the [project page](#).

Traffic easing programs encounter high barriers in Washington County

Bethany resident Brandon Philips has been working to get Washington County to [revise requirements for speed bumps and other traffic-calming measures](#). He recently gave a presentation to the Urban Roads Maintenance District Advisory Committee and provided a [chart of various Oregon jurisdictions](#) and the criteria they use to implement projects.



His main points to the Committee were:

Many municipalities like Beaverton and Oregon City have provisions for non-owning renters/residents to participate.

Of the municipalities that use a ballot/survey/petition the vast majority I could find require a 51% turnout. No other municipality

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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

Community 'Shred-It' Day at Sunset Credit Union

Monday, February 20, 9 am-4 pm, 1100 NW Murray Blvd., free

If you have old financial statements, bills, etc. which you want to shred, bring them to Sunset Credit Union's 'Shred-It' Day! You can get up to two shopping bags or banker's boxes shredded for free. Simply bring the documents you want shredded to Sunset Credit Union on Monday, February 20th and your important documents will be securely shredded and sent out for recycling. This is a fabulous opportunity to get rid of tax documents 13 years or older, old financial statements, and outdated personal records. To learn more, send an email to cuteam@sspfcu.com.

Please note: Items will be securely stored in the Sunset Credit Union facility until they are shredded onsite via a mobile-shredding truck on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Cedar Mill Farmers Market: Ramping up for 2023!

Opening day: Saturday, May 6, 9am-2pm

As we prepare for the 2023 season, we must look back on last year. The 2022 season was incredible at the Cedar Mill Farmers Market! A big Thanks to the support of this community, our market board, volunteers, and staff! We also want to thank our Community Sponsors—Oak Hills Dentistry, Sunset Athletic Club, Dirk Hmura (Eleete Realty),

Miller Paint, Safeway, Cedar Mill News, Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union, The Farmers Market Fund, and Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District. A big thank you to these incredible businesses for supporting our market.

Planning for the 2023 season is underway, and we would love for you to come out, shop, and support our local farmers and other vendors. Vendor applications are now being accepted, and Musician & Community booth requests begin February 15. Email us at ourcmfm@gmail.com if you are interested. Also, sponsoring our market or one of our programs (ex. Power of Produce Kids Booth) and Volunteering are both vital to the market's success. We would love for more local businesses, individuals & families to get involved in 2023. Please contact us at ourcmfm@gmail.com to start a conversation of how you can get involved. We need pre-season help as well as during the season.

Cabernets from around the world at Wildwood

Friday, February 17, 5-8 pm, Wildwood Tap House, 12545 NW Cornell Rd in the Milltowner Center

Wildwood Cedar Mill is hosting its first Wine Tasting Night! Join us to sample some fantastic Cabernets from around the world. Our friend Katy will be joining us to pour and answer any questions you may have about the wines being served. Grab a friend and join us!

CMBA speed networking

Tuesday, February 14, noon, The Ackerly at Timberland

This month, [Cedar Mill Business Association](http://CedarMillBusinessAssociation.com) will hold our annual business meeting. Please reach out if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. We will also do "speed networking" to get to know each other and make business connections with other members. As always, lunch will be provided.

CMBA's primary mission is to support and promote businesses from Cedar Mill and throughout the Sunset corridor. We help develop a strong and supportive presence, both economically and socially, to the community while creating an environment that maxi-

mizes community livability. [Visit our website](http://Visitourwebsite.com) to learn more and find out how to join.

Village Gallery News

Featured Artist: Jeannine Bamberg has indulged her passion for creating with acrylics on canvas as well as on tiles featuring her one-of-a-kind coaster and trivet sets. Fascinated with using a variety of techniques, she is able to achieve special effects resulting in whimsical, dramatic, and intriguing pieces.

Big & Bold Artist: Aurora Oliva presents "Light and Longevity," a mixed media piece on 20"x



Light and Longevity, by Aurora Oliva

24" canvas. On January 22, people in many countries around the world celebrated Lunar New Year, Year of the Rabbit. To celebrate, Aurora created an abstract reminiscent of Chinese knots, which are given as charms symbolizing luck; and lanterns, symbolizing a wish for prosperity and a brighter future.

February Reception

Sunday, February 12, 3-5 pm, free, open to all

Come meet the artists and enjoy refreshments while taking in the new show!

DIY Valentines!

Tuesday, February 14, 2-5 pm, free, open to all

We will open our classroom for anyone who would like to come and create a special valentine for that special someone! All supplies provided on site.

Children's Classes

Join an exciting class learning a variety of art forms! A team of ro-

tating instructors provides a chance to explore a variety of media and approaches while building artistic concepts and skills. All supplies included. For registration and more details, visit [the VGA website](http://theVGAwebsite.com).

February Projects include: Woven Hearts, Painted Rocks, Colored Tissue & Marker Landscapes, and Sketchbooks.

March Projects include Quilling, Fairy Mushroom, Mosaic Trivets, and Printmaking.

March classes include Mixed Media Portraits, Gelli Plate Printing, and Chinese Brush Painting.

Adult Classes and Workshops

For a complete list of adult classes, [visit the website](http://visitthewebsite.com).

Cell Phonography from So-so to So Fabulous!
Saturday, February 11, 10 am - 12 pm, max 10 students, Vaccinations required, Face masks optional

Truly phonography has become an art form of its own! Led by Rebecca Benoit, this class will explore tools in your phone camera that you probably didn't even know it had such as adjusting focus, exposure, burst mode, white balance, and the timer. We will also cover photography basics like composition and lighting. You'll even learn how to get better selfies! Bring a fully charged cell phone and/or iPad or Tablet.

Compositional Painting
Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, max 8 students, Intermediate/Advanced Level

Demonstrations will be in watercolor and acrylic. Special attention will be given to the function of color in composition, compositional alignments, strategies for revision, and unpacking examples of master paintings. Led by Erik Sandgren, each session will be a combination of demos, discussion, critique, and studio practice in response to the interest of participants. Emphasis will be on developing individual expression based on the fundamentals underlying different media and practice. Supplies: whatever painting materials you possess plus a trial frame or matt.

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CPO News

Peterkort plans, Clean Water Services for February CPO

Tuesday, February 14, 7-9 pm [via zoom](#)

After the Land Acknowledgement and updates from our service providers, we'll share any development information we have received and provide time for announcements.

Daniel Rittatore, Community Engagement Manager, and Sadie Boyers, Water Resources Specialist 1 will provide an overview of the services provided by [Clean Water Services](#). They will then discuss the role and function of wetlands, and the influence of natural systems to a healthy watershed. Bauer Oaks Open Space, the wetland area along the east side of Saltzman near the Bauer Oaks development, as well as other wetlands play a vital function in the Tualatin River Watershed. We'll learn about how they were created, and how they are maintained.



Conceptual image of the open space presented at the Beaverton NAC meeting.

After that, we'll be joined by Jennifer Rinkus, Baysinger Partners, who will present plans to divide the former large grocery space to accommodate multiple smaller tenants and a shared outdoor dining space. She and her team [presented plans to the Central Beaverton NAC](#)

Commission, but if everything goes as planned, construction is expected to start in early 2024.

Click the [zoom link](#) to join the meeting live or watch it later [on our YouTube Channel](#). We have been live-streaming our meetings since before COVID. Like or follow [our Facebook page](#) for timely announcements of interest to all our neighbors in CPO 1 (Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, Bonny Slope). We think our content is too good to only share it with those who can attend on a weeknight!

Hybrid CPO meetings?

We've begun to explore resuming in-person meetings while continuing the live-stream zoom format (hybrid meeting). [Take a brief survey and let us know your thoughts](#). We have enjoyed great attendance at most of our online meetings but we want to find out from our members what they prefer.

Before COVID, the county agreed to provide hybrid meeting kits, and we have one available at the Cedar Mill Library. We're looking into whether the kit can be shared with other community groups! Stay tuned.

BRC offers ways to share the love this Valentine's Day

Open House, Wednesday, February 1, 9 am-1 pm, 13565 SW Walker Rd

The Beaverton Resource Center (BRC) is holding its annual "Love Your Neighbor" campaign to help raise awareness and support for our Beaverton neighbors in need. The campaign includes: an Open House; Sharing the Love through spotlights all month on social media; hosting your own gift card/toiletry drives for the BRC; gifting items from our Amazon Wishlist; and/or donating online to the general fund to support BRC's financial assistance program. If you donate

before Friday, February 10, you will be entered to win two tickets to see Smith & Yarn at The Reser on Saturday, February 25. The BRC serves Beaverton residents during times of need with a drop-in center and resources including financial assistance. [Learn more here.](#)

last month, since the area is inside the Beaverton city limits. But it's an important area for Cedar Mill as well, so she's agreed to bring the team to CPO 1. Plans have not been submitted to Beaverton's Planning

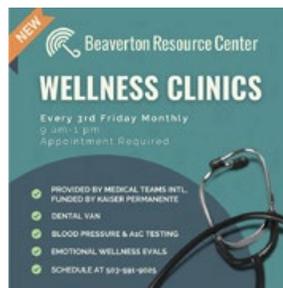
face. It is easier and faster to access needed information.

County roads, property vacations, and dedication documents are now searchable, and more features are being added. The new app also works well on smart phones. It uses the same ARCGIS systems that we rely on for other County tools, like [wc-roads.com](#).

[Intermap](#) allows searches on addresses and taxlots and displays information on development projects.

Include a permit in plans for events in the right-of-way

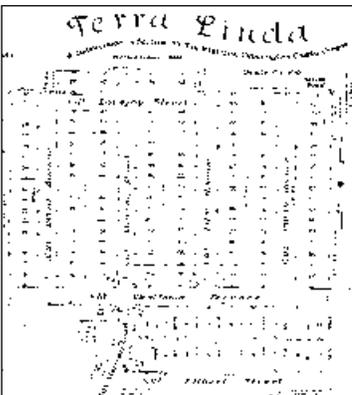
If you are planning a race, parade, video production, or block party, remember to apply for an [event permit](#) if using the right-of-way. Event permits help us make sure events are safe and don't conflict with others who are using the right-of-way. Be sure to review the requirements for each type of event permit. Submit traffic control and parking plans, if needed. Include a map of parade, race, walk or bike routes. It takes about four weeks to process event permits.



Washington County news

Washington County map search options

If you have questions about property ownership, survey history, or development, Washington County has several mapping tools available. They may take a little practice but drilling down can produce interesting information.



A search for Terra Linda using the new Survey Explorer turns up the original 1961 plat

The Washington County Surveyor's Office built a new web-based app to search for survey records, plat information and more. [Survey Explorer](#) is replacing iSpirits but with a more user-friendly inter-

Surprise all the sweethearts in your life! We ♥ Valentine's Day!

2nd edition resale

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1050 NW Saltzman Road Sales benefit Cedar Mill & Bethany Libraries

SUNSET APOLLOS BAND

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Bottle/Can Drive

Saturday, February 11, 10 am - 1 pm

Sunset Church, 14986 NW Cornell

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Exit 21, continued from page 1 companies that don't need a full-time staff 12 months a year," says Siffert. "It's cost effective for them, because we can take the product creation, sourcing, and production issues off their list of concerns so they can focus on sales and marketing."

Erick and his team use a software platform, NgNine, developed by a former partner, to track every step. The software lets everyone on the team capture the details to provide information to manufacturers. Every aspect of design, sizing options, down to the details of, for example, exact sleeve or back length for the garment in various



The team works from the client's seasonal brief. Erick makes sure it all flows smoothly and on time.

sizes, goes into the database that the garment producers use to create finished pieces.



Kristine Cleary

The open design of the office ensures plenty of collaboration. Each member of the staff brings extensive experience in the garment industry to the client. This allows smaller companies to achieve high-quality results with fewer headaches.

Kristine Cleary is the trim developer and colorist. She works with the client to determine fabric and trim colors that express the direction for their next seasonal collection. Precise definitions using a library of sample colors and color-sensing equipment ensures that what the client chooses is what they get in the finished product.

Jason Calderon handles all internal design and works with fabric suppliers to provide the quality and features that meet both design and pricing goals. If the perfect choice isn't available in Exit 21's library of swatches, then he can get new samples from their suppliers.

Teresa Roether handles product development, pulling together the input from the rest of the staff to provide a "blueprint" for the manufacturers. Through the use of the software, every detail specified



Jason Calderon

by Exit 21 is available to the mainly offshore garment manufacturing



Teresa Roether

companies. Prototypes are reviewed and fit until ready for production orders to be placed.

Erick works with suppliers all along the chain so that the company has access to the best sources at the right price. He ensures that all the moving parts fit together so the products are delivered on time and on budget. "We work with around ten companies now, who have sales in the \$1-10 million range."

Exit 21 held their annual sample sale in mid-December, but it was right in the middle of the big freeze, so they donated the unsold items to Second Edition Resale near the Cedar Mill Community Library. We'll be sure to share information about the next one.

Spring Registration

Inscripciones de Primavera

2023

Opens: Saturday, Feb. 25

Out of District: Monday, Feb. 27

Inician: Sábado, 25 Feb.

Fuera del Distrito: Lunes, 27 Feb.

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The nature of Cedar Mill

Street Tree Inventory: get involved!

[Treekeepers of Washington County](#) has begun to inventory street trees in urban unincorporated Washington County. Street trees are those that grow in the public right-of-way, in boulevard medians, and along streets without sidewalks and curbs.

Why does Washington County need a tree inventory? Our county's trees are largely without protections. Gathering information about them is a necessary step to achieve the protections our neighborhood trees need. A street tree inventory can:

Provide a current record of trees being managed and their value.: A tree inventory will provide valuable information on the needs and condition of our urban forest. Once an inventory is complete, software can put a valuation on the trees and the services they provide.

Gather public support for our county's trees.: This information will help unify our community to improve and invest in its trees and provide information the county can use in their management and conservation.

Help maintain the trees in our communities.: An inventory pro-

vides locations of trees that require irrigation, pruning, or removal, and identify available planting sites. An inventory can help our community quickly locate trees under threat by an outbreak of pests or diseases or provide information to plan for damage from storms.

Provide long-term assessment and monitoring of the tree population.: This information will make it easier to plan, prioritize, and budget tree removals, maintenance work, and plantings. It will also determine the value of our county's trees for stormwater management and other benefits. By documenting the condition of and care for the urban forest, an inventory can improve the chances of receiving grants and other assistance.

Treekeepers volunteers gather data on sections of our urban forest's street trees. Teams collect data such as location, species, measurements, and condition. No experience is necessary. We will provide the training and the tools. Does that sound interesting to you? 2023 inventories start soon. [Contact us](#), and let's get to work inventorying neighborhood trees! [Register here!](#)

Development News

Neighborhood Commercial to Residential?

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 pm, online via zoom

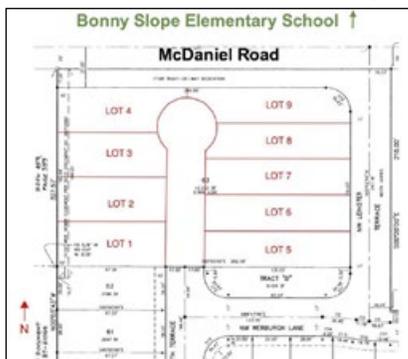
A proposed Plan Amendment has been scheduled for a hearing to change the zoning for the lot across from Bonny Slope Elementary from NC (Neighborhood Commercial) to R-9 (Residential 7-9 units per acre). Over the years, several attempts to develop the property into a commercial space have surfaced and fallen through.

The current owner, McDaniel Village LLC, is asking the county Planning Commission to approve the change in order to allow for the con-

struction of up to nine single family residences on the property. Access for the residential lots would be from an extension of Werburgh Lane and all access to McDaniel would be eliminated. This is just the first step, and if it is approved the developer will go through several more steps before any development is permitted.

Zoning changes have been rare in the county, but the concept of Neighborhood Commercial (think the little corner store) has fallen out of favor since people in the suburbs are more used to doing their shopping online or at larger stores.

A staff report will be available online seven days prior to the hearing on the [Planning Commission Agenda page](#). The link to the meeting will be available then also. Anyone from CPO 1 who wishes to comment on this application may submit written testimony prior to or at the public hearing or testify orally at the hearing. Contact [Associate Planner Bryan Robb](#) with any questions.



Conceptual plan for re-zoned property



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Park news

Spring Native Plant Sale

Online ordering Sunday, February 26 through Sunday, March 26.
Plant pickup Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22

The Friends of the Tualatin Hills Nature Park and the Tualatin Hills Nature Center are teaming up with Sparrowhawk Native Plants to host

the Spring Native Plant Sale. Together, we are offering over 100 species of habitat-friendly native plants while raising money to support the Nature Park and environmental education programs.

Select from more than 100 species of premium-quality native plants. These climate-resilient plants will enhance your garden, allowing it to best support pollinators and wildlife, at unbeatable prices.

People can sign up online and order native plants beginning Sunday, February 26 at www.sparrowhawknativeplants.com. Preordering is required, and some species may sell out quickly. Plant orders will be available for pick-up at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park on Friday, April 21, or Saturday, April 22, perfectly timed for your spring planting.

The Tualatin Hills Nature Park is a 222-acre wildlife reserve nestled in the heart of Beaverton. The park is



located at 15655 SW Millikan Way.

2023-24 THPRD Preschool Open House

Wednesday, February 15, 5:30-6:30 pm, [online via zoom](#)

This online event will give you the opportunity to learn more about our nine-month preschool programs for the 2023-2024 school year at THPRD and ask any questions you may have. Our experienced teachers will be able to discuss our curriculum, daily schedule, and the many benefits of a preschool education. Don't miss this change to get a sneak peek at what our preschool has to offer! [Learn more about THPRD's preschool options here.](#)

Elsie Stuhr Senior Center "Newcomers' Welcome"

Tuesday, February 21, 11 am-noon, [Elsie Stuhr Center, 5550 SW Hall Bl.](#)

Tour the facility, check out the variety of classes we offer and learn about our drop-in activities! All seniors 55+ are welcome, no registration necessary.

New Dog Run coming to Ridgewood Park

THPRD is planning a new dog run at Ridgewood Park located along the west side of the property where THPRD held a pop-up dog run in January of 2021. THPRD is currently completing the design and permitting process. Construction is anticipated in Spring 2023.

Amphibian Egg Mass Survey training

Saturday, February 4, 10-11:30 am, via Zoom. [Click here to sign up.](#)

The Wetland Conservancy invites you to sign up to train as an urban amphibian surveyor and then attend guided surveys throughout the Portland Metro Area including Cedar Mill Wetland! We'll identify, count, and map submerged frog and salamander egg masses together before they hatch

and swim away in the April sun! No experience or commitment necessary. Everyone who's interested in learning about amphibians in the Portland Metro area is encouraged to join.

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[Visit this webpage](#) for the most current information about this dog run project. To sign up for project email updates, please [click here](#).

Westside Trail Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Earns Metro Funding

The Metro Council approved THPRD's [Westside Trail Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project](#) for a Metro 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Trails Grant for more than \$1.9 million. This funding will help cover design and permitting costs for the future bridge. The bridge will ultimately link over 20 miles of trail and help connect people to jobs, schools, parks, and transit stations.

[Community outreach was conducted in 2020](#), and in 2021, THPRD studied technical aspects of the bridge's engineering and developed a cost estimate for bridge construction. Depending on regulatory, engineer, and construction constraints, the total cost to develop the bridge could range from \$14 to \$27.2 million. As we move forward with planning and development of the bridge, we will continue to refine the bridge's cost estimate.

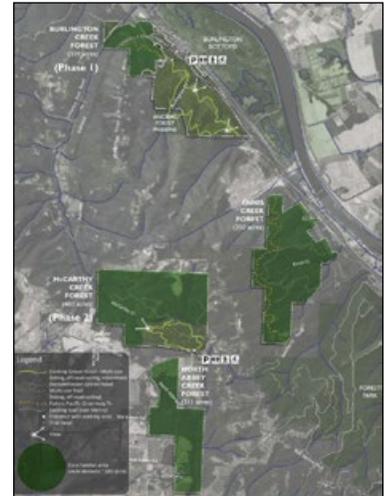
THPRD staff hope to begin design and engineering planning for the bridge in 2023-2024. In 2023, THPRD also plans to begin a feasibility study for future sections of the Westside Trail that will connect north and south of the bridge. These studies will help THPRD continue securing funds to connect the West-

side Trail across Highway 26. Visit the [Project web page](#) to learn more and sign up for updates.

Hearing on North Tualatin Mountains Nature Park trails and access

February 6, 6:30 pm, online

The [Multnomah County Planning Commission](#) will conduct a land use hearing on Metro's proposed nature park in the North Tualatin Mountains and proposed recreational trails on a portion of



Metro's park spans both sides of the Tualatin Mountains

one of the park units (Burlington Creek Forest). [Read the Metro project description here.](#)

Bonny Slope Elementary Pancake Breakfast!

Saturday, February 11, 7:30-10:30 am, Bonny Slope Elementary cafeteria. Pre-sale tickets \$5/person, \$25/family of 6; at the door: \$7/person, \$35/family of 6. For tickets and to enter the raffle [click here or scan the QR code.](#)

Bonny Slope's 5th grade class will once again host a pancake breakfast for the school and surrounding community, with proceeds going toward Outdoor Science School adventures. Wear your coziest flannel and come enjoy a fluffy-buttery-syrup-soaked breakfast with friends, family, and neighbors, and help support this valuable program and the students. Questions? Email Bonny Slope Community Organization (BSCO) at pancakes@bonnyslopebsco.org.



Mean Girls the Musical

March 9,10,11,16,17, 7 pm; 18, 2 pm matinee. Tickets sold at the door or [online on this page later this month.](#)

Sunset High is the first high school in Oregon to get the rights



to put on the production! Mr. Rust, the choir director, heard that they were [releasing the rights to the show](#) last summer, called Mr. Farmer and they jumped on it.

We'll have more information next month, but mark your calendars and plan to enjoy a night at the theater and support our student thespians! [Follow Sunset Theater](#) for updates.

Trees, continued from page 1

of the large outage on December 26. "It's very difficult to pinpoint a single cause/issue for the outages in that zip code. Generally, the soil in our service area was saturated by the earlier ice and rain, and heavy rains that began on December 26 added even more moisture—taking down limbs and causing debris to hit our lines and equipment. Saturated soil can become mud, and wind adds movement—all factors that created a recipe for trees to uproot and fall or lean on our equipment. The wind and weather that moved through also featured strong southerly winds, which we don't usually see in our service area. Trees develop roots based on the conditions they grow in, so when those conditions change, the tree may be more susceptible to failure."

"Even still, PGE appreciates that the succession of storms impacted some customers more than once, and that any outage can be quite challenging. We appreciated our customers' patience as PGE, contractors, and out of state crews worked to address more than 235,000 individual outages that occurred in the last week of December."

"In the video on [managing trees near power lines](#) we cover how PGE foresters go out every two to three years to assess and trim trees where needed to help keep our lines clear. While the best approach is for folks to plant the right trees in the right place, if residents see a potentially hazardous situation, they should call PGE at 503-736-5460."

Jeff Jazwinski, [Badger Tree Service](#), shared more information with us. We asked if neighbors would be able to spot a tree in trouble. "A trained eye can spot an unhealthy tree. Conks (a fungus that grows out of a tree trunk) are a sign, either up on the trunk even if the bottom looks healthy, or around the bottom. Holes in the tree from a woodpecker, or a rotten spot on the trunk are other signs to look for."

"Saturated soil and the high winds we've had have led to a lot of trees falling. Sometimes if a big tree at the edge of a grove falls, the inner trees haven't developed strong roots from the wind stress, and they will go next. Also, trees removed for de-

velopment can lead to nearby trees being too weak. Larger evergreens might have dead branches on the shaded side. Look for few or no needles. The best time to do that is at the end of summer. You can spot dead areas before all the leaves fall off." He said that it's not often that you can see a tree about to fall, it's hard to see anything on the surface of the soil.

Jeff mentioned that if you have tall evergreens, some thinning of the upper branches to open up space to allow wind to pass through is beneficial. Other arborists differ on the efficacy of thinning.

[Treekeepers of Washington County](#) offers this information in their February newsletter:

Our recent wind storms took a big toll on area trees, and many homeowners are nervous about their own trees. The fate of one tree does not determine the fate of a neighboring tree however, as many factors are involved. Arborist Will Koomjian of [Emergent Tree Works](#) asserts, "The overall risk posed by trees is incredibly low, but there are ways to identify and mitigate that risk."

If you are worried about your trees, the best course of action is to have them inspected by an arborist with a [Tree Risk Assessment Qualification](#) from the [International Society of Arboriculture](#) (ISA). Identifying tree risk before and after a storm allows for measures that can reduce risk while preserving trees that have an acceptable level of risk.

Taking regular steps to ensure your trees' continuing health is also important. Water deeply but infrequently during summer drought. Mulch to maintain moisture. Prune as needed for good structure. Winter is a great time to prune, [as we explain in this article](#).

You can find a list of some trusted [arborists on our website](#). The ISA website also manages an [educational website](#) that contains quality tree care information for homeowners, including suggestions for [Recognizing Tree Risk](#) and [Storm Storm-related Tree Damage](#).

So give your tree a hug for surviving the latest storms, and thank it for the many benefits it continues to provide!

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Recycling news

Purple bin update

Washington County has updated the page at Solid Waste & Recycling to provide [better information for those who want to use the purple bin](#) to recycle more than you can in the mixed recycling bin. We will have a presentation from them during the March 14 CPO 1 meeting. [Contact Cosette Lemos](#), Americorps Waste Prevention Educator, for a printable poster.

Recycle+ Guide



Plastic Film/Bags
Yes: Soft, flexible polyethylene (PE) packaging free of food residue.
No: Paper-padded envelopes, freezer bags, non-stretchy film or bags.

Plastic #1 Clamshell Containers
Yes: One-piece containers latched on one side and stamped with #1 PET or PETE free of food residue.
No: One-piece plastic containers, trays, cups, bottles, non-latched containers.

Textiles
Yes: Clean, dry clothing and linens.
No: Shoes, pillows and cushions.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Yes: Fluorescent bulbs that are curved or U-shaped to fit the space of a regular incandescent lamp.
No: Incandescent bulbs, halogen, LED bulbs, fluorescent tubes.

Zero Waste Initiatives

From State Senator Janeen Sollman's news: Every year it's becoming more and more clear: We need to turn off the plastic tap. Plastic waste is piling up in our landfills, our communities, and our environment. This session, I am introducing several bills related to a Zero Waste Initiative. I recently participated in a Plastic Policy Roundup with advocates to bring awareness to these policies. You can [watch the event here](#) and learn more about the individual bills below.

SB542: Right to Repair: This bill would give every Oregonian and every small business access to the parts, tools, and service information they need to repair products. This

Local teen heading for national competition

Abby Taylor, age 14, resident of Cedar Mill, won the title of [Miss Oregon Teen Volunteer](#). She will be representing the state of Oregon at the National Competition in Jackson, Tennessee from March 8-12. Her platform is "Encouraging Acceptance." She wants to help children with accepting all persons, regardless of physical appearances, disadvantages, gender, age, etc. Her talent was a jazz dance to All That Jazz which she also won for overall teen. Her competition includes a private interview with a panel of judges, talent, fitness, and evening gown/on stage question. The competition was held at Hult

will allow more people to have affordable access to technology and reduce equity barriers for low-income households, protect consumers by allowing them to fully own their own product, and boost small businesses like small independent repair shops that are part of our Main Street business economy.

SB543: Polystyrene Foodware: This bill will phase out polystyrene foodware and PFAS in food packaging. A

proposed bill would ban polystyrene foodware, coolers and packing peanuts, as well as phasing out PFAS, a toxic "forever chemical," from food packaging, which has been linked to thyroid, kidney, and ovarian cancers.

SB544: Plastic Source Reduction: This bill requires producers to reduce the amount of single-use plastic packaging and foodware by 25% over the next decade.

SB545: Legalize Reusables for Food: This bill would establish "legal" reuse systems and opportunities under Oregon's Health Code for consumers and businesses alike to transition away from harmful single-use items.

Visit [Senator Sollman's state web page](#) to learn more and sign up for her informative newsletters.

She has volunteered her time assisting little dancers at various studios and has volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank. She will be volunteering at Ridge-wood to discuss her platform.

She has a [gofundme](#) to help pay expenses to compete at the National event. Abby's mother Brandy Taylor also mentions that they are raffling prizes over the next 4 weeks on a [Facebook event](#). [Miss Oregon Volunteer Pageant](#) is a service-oriented scholarship program in Oregon that seeks to empower women through educational scholarship and extraordinary opportunities.



Legislative News

State Representative Lisa Reynolds

My name is Lisa Reynolds and, as of this January, I am the State Representative for House District 34. Connecting with folks in-district is my favorite part of this work. [Note: state redistricting created District 34 and went into effect in January.]

I am so excited to be serving the communities of House District 34. In addition to my legislative role, I am also a pediatrician, and for almost 30 years I've been serving patients in and around Washington County. In my role as a State Representative, I will continue working with these folks in this new capacity, tackling issues such as child poverty, gun violence prevention, and health and healthcare issues.

Virtual Office hours, Wednesday, February 8, 4-5 pm via Zoom. [RVSP to the event to receive the Zoom link.](#)

I will hold Virtual Office Hours and Constituent Coffee meetings monthly. Sign up to [receive my newsletter here](#), and follow me on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for regular legislative updates and notifications about upcoming town halls and events. Constituents are always welcome to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns at rep.lisareynolds@oregonlegislature.gov or at 503-986-1434.

State Senator Steiner

We will have a visit from Senator Steiner at the July CPO meeting to give us a general update and specifically to talk about reproductive health care in Oregon. Her policy director, Tatiana Amrein, says, "Following the Reproductive Health and Access to Care workgroup, the Speaker's office is working on some bills from recommendations from the group. We are waiting on updates about that, so I think the best time for Senator Steiner to join a CPO meeting would be in July. At that point, the bills will have passed, and we will have the most concrete information on reproductive health legislation."

She also mentioned the [Reproductive Rights Hotline](#), a new program from Attorney General Rosenblum's office that, in partnership with local law firms, will provide a contact to get free legal advice in this area.

Garden news

Master Gardeners

The Washington County Master Gardener Association offers a variety of special events, workshops, and online webinars, which are open to the public. Get outside, learn new skills, meet people, and enlarge your world! A complete list of 2023 WCMGA events with details is available on their [website](#).

Pruning Palooza!

Saturday February 25, 10 am-noon, WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate, 8005 SW Grabhorn Rd, Beaverton

Learn how to prune grapes, small fruit bushes, and other perennial plants found in the Learning Garden. Find answers to the burning questions: Where to start? What to cut? When to stop? Master Gardeners will guide you with hands-on demonstrations. Feel free to bring your pruning tools.

Intro to Mason Bees

Saturday, February 25, 10 am-noon, PCC Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Rd, Building 4, Room 103

Class 1 (of 3) addresses the biology, behavior, and natural history of the mason bee, led by Ron Spendal, OSU Extension MG Volunteer. Ron has been researching and educating the public about mason bees for over 15 years. See details about future classes 2 and 3 [here](#).

Blueberry Care

Saturday, March 4, 10 am-noon, PCC Rock Creek Bldg. 4, Room 103 then WCMGA Education Garden, 17705 NW Springville Rd, free. Registration NOT required.

Blueberries are easy and fun to grow. Learn about planting, fertilizing, plants selection, and care for blueberries, including pruning techniques. Bring your own hand pruners for a hands-on opportunity to prune.

Rose Pruning Demo with Portland Rose Society

Saturday, March 4, 11 am-3 pm, [Dennis 7 Dees](#), 10455 SW Butner Rd, free

Get ready for spring with Portland Rose Society. Rose experts will be answering questions and demonstrating proper rose pruning techniques. Bring your hand pruners to be sharpened while you shop and a one-cup sealed bag of garden soil (label with email/phone number) for free pH testing! [Sign up for a free ticket on the Facebook page.](#)

Roads, continued from page 1 requires a 67% turnout of homeowners. Oregon City and Troutdale require a 67% turnout but include both homeowners and residents.

[Oregon recently had the highest turnout in the Country](#) in the mid-term election: 61.5%. I think that it needs to be considered that even midterm elections can't reach a 67% turnout. He will be discussing his findings with our County Commissioner Pam Treece. We'll keep you posted. Learn about the county [Neighborhood Streets Program here](#).

School News

Terra Linda sensory bins support learning

The Beaverton Education Foundation is helping kindergartners improve fine motor skills, calm busy minds, and grow with new



"sensory bins" filled with opportunities to engage all the senses.

The pandemic has delayed development of children's motor skills. Senses guide children as they make sense of the world around them by touching, tasting, smelling, seeing, moving, and hearing. Children and adults learn best and retain the most information when they engage their senses. Opportunities for children to actively use their senses as they explore their world through 'sensory play' is crucial to brain development—it helps to build nerve connections in the brain's pathways.

Currently, the sand bins only have a few toys in them, but they are still the most popular area for class use. [Your support will help us purchase additional bins](#), sensory items (water beads, pompoms, gravel, sand, etc.) and tools to help investigate and explore (toy animals, dinosaur bones, fine motor tools, and pretend-play objects).

Sunset student tutors at Terra Linda

BSD has posted [a video about a program building connections](#) between high school and elementary school students. Each day, through the Sunset High School tutor program, a handful of Sunset students head to Terra Linda Elementary to help out in classrooms.

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Business News, continued from page 2

Create a collage that is beautiful and meaningful

Saturday & Sunday, February 25 & 26, 1-4 pm, Annie Salness's home studio, \$125

Artist Annie Salness will take you on a journey in this two-day class that is for beginning, intermediate, experienced, and even non-artists, actually, everybody!

Day one: We will have a brief session about mixing colors, and then we'll create collage paper with various tools and techniques. Day two: We will create a 12" by 12" collage with your collage papers and any of your photos, recipes, music papers, etc. Everything else needed is included! [Please visit my website](#) to sign up, details, and for the address location.

2023 Spring Housing Market Update

By Jan Dempsey, broker

Spring has always been Portland's hottest housing market with sales prices the highest and days until pending/closed the shortest. The prediction is that this spring will be no different. What will be different from past years are home prices will be lower and days on market longer. Your buyers will be very aggressive, and they'll be negotiating hard for any concessions they can get: seller paying buyer's closing costs, repairs, and requiring sellers pay rent to remain in the house while they close on their new home. Because of the area's desirability, homes in excellent condition will most likely see multiple offers.

Mortgage rates drive buyer and seller behavior. We may end 2023 with rates in the high fives-very low sixes. Home prices throughout the Portland Metro area are still up year over year, but the lack of inventory has overall home sales to the lowest level since 2015. As the interest rates come down, owners

Treekeepers Tree Walk: Learn to identify local trees

Saturday, February 18, 1:00 pm, Cedar Mill Creek Greenway. [Register here](#) and to receive instruction on where to meet up

Join Joanne and Susan on a one-half mile, soft-surface loop trail around the Cedar Mill Wetlands to enjoy some native trees includ-



ing Willamette Valley Ponderosa pines, Black cottonwoods, willows, Oregon white oaks, and others like the massive Coastal redwood that inspired our first tree walk. Bring your umbrellas and suitable clothing, as this walk takes place rain or shine. Sign up now, as space is limited!

will think long and hard about giving up their below 3% interest rate, and there will be buyers waiting in the wings to jump in when they decide to sell.

It would be our pleasure to answer any questions you may have regarding our real estate market. Please don't hesitate to call or email: 503-706-6358, jdempsey@windermere.com.

Performances at The Reser

February Reser Presents includes an eclectic international mix of artists and performances. The Reser continues to be a vibrant cultural hub in the heart of Beaverton, Oregon. The 2023 season, happening February through May, includes performances by Edna Vazquez, Gina Chavez, The Heart of Afghanistan, Mark O'Connor, and many more!

February 2 [International Guitar](#)



Night

- February 3 [Edna Vazquez](#)
- February 5 [Letters Aloud: The Road to Fame](#)
- February 17 [An Evening with Guy Davis](#)
- February 25 [Smith and Yarn](#)
- March 4 [Cenicenta: A Bilingual Cinderella Story](#)

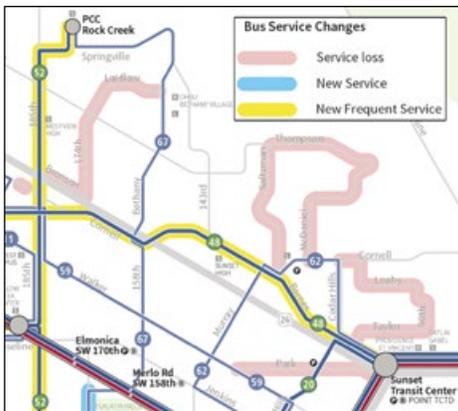
The Patricia Reser Center for the Arts is located at 12625 SW Crescent Street near Beaverton City Hall. [Visit their website](#) to find details, buy tickets, and more.

Transit news

2023-24 TriMet service changes

Based on community feedback, TriMet is ready to begin implementing the [Forward Together Revised Service Concept](#) to focus on ridership and improve connections to destinations for people with low and limited incomes. While the full implementation of Forward Together will take up to six years, dependent on our recovery from the ongoing operator shortage, we're looking forward to getting started with this year's Annual Service Plan.

The Plan proposes to add five new Frequent Service lines with buses arriving every 15 minutes for



most of the day, every day; improve service on five lines with buses arriving every 30 minutes or better for more of the day, every day; dis-

Civics for Adults

[Civics for Adults](#) brings non-partisan, content-rich, and interactive workshops to the public to educate citizens about our political processes and open avenues for civic engagement.

Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen

Sunday, February 5, 2:30-4 pm, Hillsboro Public Library [Virtual](#). [Register here](#).

Strategies for change; examples of successful advocacy; historical perspective; how to choose your battles; and provides tools for change, engaging with government, lobbying for influence, tracking legislative and Congressional bills. Tracking legislation in the Oregon Legislature (OLIS) and having your say on bills! Legislature has just begun!

Beyond Voting: Elections and Campaign Finance

Wednesday, February 15, 3 pm EST! Stoughton Public Library [MASS]. [Virtual](#), [register one week before here](#).

Right to vote? Voter suppression;

continue service on low-ridership stops and lines; and more! [See the web page](#) for maps and more details. Riders will see the first service changes to our bus system as early as September 2023.

Cedar Mill area changes include:

Line 48-Cornell

would be upgraded to Frequent Service. Its route would change in Cedar Mill to stay on Barnes, and move off of Cedar Hills Boulevard, for faster trips.

Line 50-Cedar Mill has been discontinued due to low ridership.

Line 59-Walker/Park Way

would be upgraded to run all day. Service along Park Way to Sunset Transit Center would be discontinued due to new service along Walker and Cedar Hills Boulevard, for a better mix of destinations. Service along SW 185th would be discontinued. The route

would be extended to Quatama for new service in Tanasbourne and Amberglen.

Line 62-Murray Blvd: service

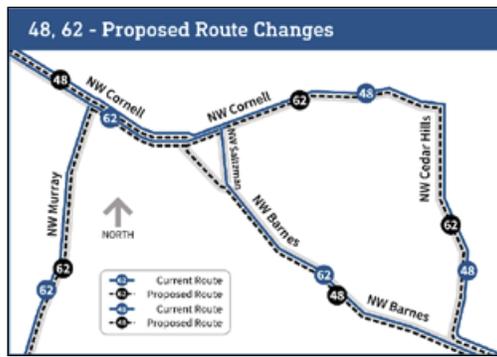
Election 2024 issues; Redistricting / gerrymandering; Electoral College; Alternative voting systems; Campaign financing issues; and tracking legislation in the Oregon Legislature (OLIS) and having your say on bills!

Oregon Chorale presents: The Trials and Festivals of Gilbert & Sullivan

Friday, March 10, and Saturday March 11, 7 pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 3228 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland, tickets on sale soon.

[Oregon Chorale](#) and [Light Opera of Portland](#) join forces for a special performance showcasing 19th-century English composer Arthur Sullivan. The concert will feature Sullivan's sacred work, the Festival Te Deum, for choir, keyboard, and soprano soloist.

The concert's second half will showcase Sullivan's comedic side with the popular Trial by Jury, one of the first works Sullivan wrote with poet W. S. Gilbert. The one-act op-



on SW Barnes Road would be discontinued, and there would be new service on Cedar Hills Boulevard and Cornell.

[Detailed maps of these changes are here](#).

Share feedback on major transit proposals

There's still time to share feedback on TriMet's proposed fare increase for 2024 and our first Forward Together service improvements. Open houses around those topics are wrapping up, but there are plenty of ways to weigh in.

Visit [trimet.org/plan](#) or [trimet.org/fareproposal](#) to learn more about the proposals, leave your feedback and complete the [fare proposal survey](#) by February 25. We'll gather all of the comments and ideas we receive and present them to our Board before they take action in April and May.

eretta tells the story of a "breach of promise of marriage" lawsuit while poking fun at the legal system.

Oregon Chorale performs engaging choral music and provides educational outreach to foster connection and promote a lifelong love of music. Light Opera of Portland is a resident musical repertory company performing live light opera and musical theater productions specializing in the works of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Sunset Youth Lacrosse, register now!

Spring 2023 season runs February 27-June 3, cost varies by age group and team

Teams are now forming for boys and girls, grades K-8. Practices are during the week, with games on Saturdays. Practice day/times are based on field availability. Players must reside in the Sunset High School boundary and must be a member of USA Lacrosse. New players are always welcome. [Visit our website](#) to register and for more information.

Viva Village February events

Viva Village is a Beaverton-area grassroots organization of members and volunteers who focus on enhancing and expanding the ways we can age well. We provide connections, programs, volunteer services, and referrals so members can lead engaged, healthy lives. For more information visit our [website](#). Please RSVP for all events by contacting vivavillageevents@gmail.com or 503-746-5082. Links for zoom meetings will be sent to those who RSVP. Members-only events are listed on the website and in the web version of Cedar Mill News.

Women's Coffee (In-person)

Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 10 am. Meet at Jim & Patty's Coffee, 4130 SW 117th

Coffee and conversation. RSVP recommended

Age Café

Friday, February 3, 11-12 pm, Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th Street

Small group conversations exploring new topics each month of interest to older adults. Co-sponsored by Viva Village, Beaverton City Library, Beaverton Committee on Aging, and Wash. Co. DAVS. Registration recommended.

Online Viva Village 101

Saturday, February 11, 10-11:30 am, via Zoom

A fun and informational session about Village life for prospective members and/or volunteers. RSVP for Zoom link.

Viva Village Forum

Monday, February 20, 2-3:30 pm, United Methodist Church, Wesley Room, 12555 SW 4th Street

Topic: Stories Create Connections. Eric Foxman of The Portland Storytellers' Guild will inspire and entertain us with fun, informative, and delightful stories. He will also share storytelling techniques and guidelines. Refreshments served. No charge. RSVP recommended.

Men's Coffee Break

Monday, February 27, 10-11:30 am, Ki Coffee, 4655 SW Griffith Dr. #160

Conversation and coffee. RSVP recommended.

Online Viva Village Book Club

Tuesday, February 28, 1-2:30 pm, via Zoom

Selected book: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. RSVP for the Zoom link.

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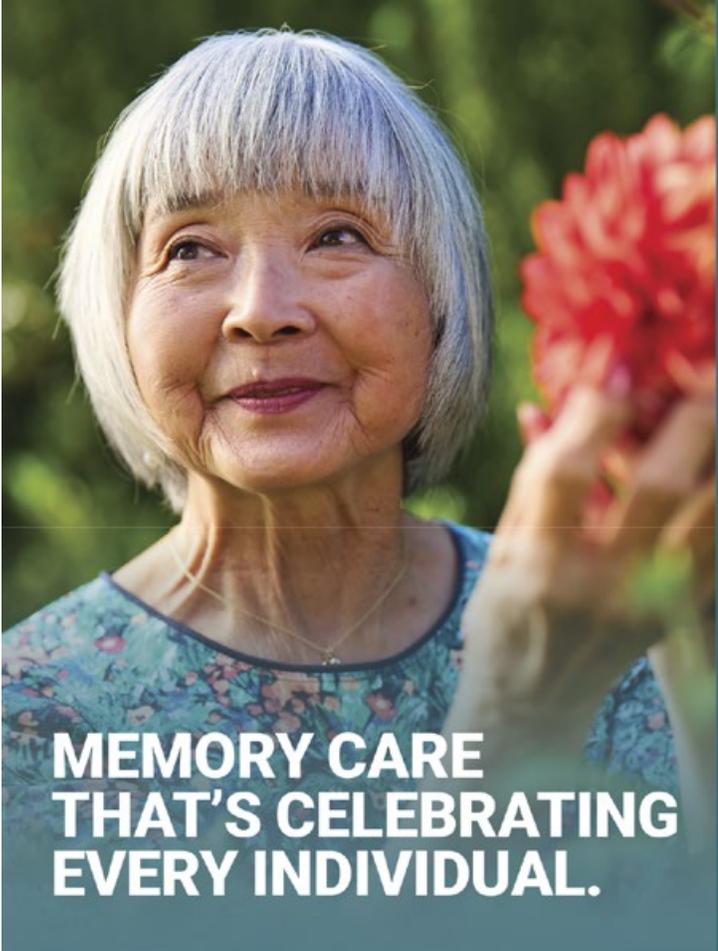


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