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April 2024

Earth Day celebrations & activities

In 2024, Earth Day is Monday, April 22. The day of environmental activism is always celebrated on April 22 in the United States, but other parts of the world celebrate it on the day of the spring equinox, according to National Geographic. The first Earth Day in America was in 1970. If you know of other Earth Day events, please share them on the [Cedar Mill News Group on Facebook!](#)

Earth Care Fair

Sunday, April 21, 10:30 am-1 pm, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Barnes Rd., free

All are welcome to participate in the third annual St. Andrew's Earth Care. This is a multigenerational program with strategies that you can implement to combat climate change. The event features exhibits and activities from Pacific University Indigenous Student Alliance, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, Master Recyclers, Friends of Trees, Washington County Treekeepers, Climate Resilience, children's crafts and activities, and earth friendly participation prizes. Join us for the Design Your Own Eden special event at noon where you can rethink, reimagine, and re-envision your outdoor space. Learn more at the [St. Andrew Lutheran Church website](#).

PlanetCon: A Recycling, Reuse and Sustainability Fair returns in April!

Saturday, April 20, 11 am-2 pm, PCC Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Rd., Building 9 and parking lots C and E, free

Please join us for the many events being held this year. The really, really free table includes a drop off and/or pick up of items with a "Spring Cleaning" theme. The Repair Fair requires pre-registration to have your items be fixed by skilled volunteers.

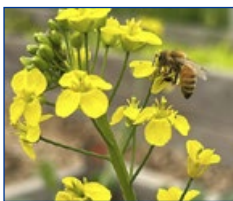
There is a drop-off for items for recycling and proper disposal. These include selected plastics (#1 PETE/PET and #5 PP), batteries, medications, sharps, fluorescent lights (CFLs), computers, electronics, string lights, other small-cord-

ed items, and metals. Please read [collection event details](#) carefully! We also accept donations of usable Items. These include bicycles, bike accessories, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and gently used adult clothing. You can help support the Westside Planet Alliance, a non-profit organization, by bringing your redeemable bottles and cans to help us continue to raise funds to coordinate community events like PlanetCon. Information tables will be available to learn more about important topics to boost your knowledge! There will also be music and the chance to explore the PCC Learning Garden.

To sign up to volunteer, view event posters in English and Spanish, see maps or learn more, [please visit the webpage](#). This free event is brought to you by the [Westside Planet Alliance](#) with the support of Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling, Metro, Portland Community College of Sustainability, Computer Drive Connection, and Marc Grambo Homes.

Save the Bees

April 8-18, 8 am-7 pm, Helvetia Farm Market, 23137 NW West Union Rd, free to attend



We are celebrating all things "Bee and Honey"! A local beekeeper, who provides us with wonderful honey, will showcase their expertise by bringing in empty hives, frames, and protective suits. Get up close and personal with the fascinating world of bees as we offer a unique opportunity to observe a live hive through a clear enclosure. Don't miss out on this educational experience and make sure to shop all our wonderful bees and honey-themed products!

Goosechase Washington County

Join a virtual scavenger hunt to celebrate Earth Month! Download the Goosechase app to participate

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Business update

Pop Pizza is open!

After a long wait while the finishing touches were completed and everything was inspected,



Pop's Package Deals feed a family!

Cedar Mill has another great food option in the Milltown Center at Saltzman & Cornell! Marius Pop opened the original store on the east side. That one is temporarily closed, but we get our first taste of "Detroit-style" pizza, and we like it! It's definitely something different—a layer of juicy sauce and crispy fresh toppings on a pillowy, almost breadlike square crust, where the cheese oozes down the sides to form a crunchy bite. Gluten free options available.

Salads come ready for you to toss at home—Caesar and Arugula. The package deals include cookie squares along with pizza and

salad. And they also have soft-serve ice cream with fancy toppings.

Current hours are 4-9 pm but they expect to open for lunch soon. Limited seating in the shop. The pass-through window to Wildwood is open now, so you can have pie with your brews! Call 971-441-7099 to order ahead, or [visit the website](#) which now seems to be functional, after being down for a while.

Si Señor hopeful to open soon!

Erika Villaseñor told us that nearly all of the work on the roof and kitchen is done following the disastrous vent-hood fire last year. It's been a long road for the popular family-owned restaurant.



All-new appliances and fixtures gleam in Si Señor's kitchen

"The kitchen is almost ready to go and we're just waiting for the Washington County Health Inspector today," she told us in late

March. "There's still

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Roads & Transit News

Deer crossing

Neighbors along 119th have been concerned about a small herd of deer living around the area and the danger of cars hitting them. They wanted to know how to get "Deer Crossing" signs installed. Land Use and Transportation let us know that "The best way to have a sign like this installed is to have people submit a [Request a Road Service](#) form. This will allow us to schedule inspections for evidence of deer trails, habitat, etc."

That form is a great way to report any kind of road hazard



Why do the deer cross 119th? To get to food and safety! Photo by Kathy Phillips-Israel



or issue. The department is very responsive. Potholes, hazardous debris including large animals, curb damage, missing or damaged signs—they can handle it all or at least refer you to a better source.

Keep a bookmark in your browser!

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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

Jeff is back grooming at Barkzone!

For those of you that live in the Cedar Mill area with dogs or cats, groomer Jeff Slaughter has more than likely groomed your pets during the past 29 years since The Muttley Crew has been in the neighborhood. You may know that he had to close Muttley Crew due to extreme illness for the last part of 2023; to the point his landlords gave him notice to vacate, so the only choice was to close his (and our) beloved The Muttley Crew.

Now with a joyful restart, Jeff and some of his staff are offering grooming services at Barkzone Dog Daycare, Grooming and Boarding, 1815 NW 169th Place. Eric and Dana Simpson, owners of Barkzone, have integrated Jeff and some of his groomers into their grooming, doggie day care, and boarding shop.

Jeff is grooming Tuesdays and one day on the weekend and is happy to be back with wonderful pets and their owners, and on his way to his recovery!

CMBA April Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 12-1 pm, The Ackerly at Timberland, 11795 NW Cedar Falls Drive

Join us for the Cedar Mill Business Association's monthly networking meeting! In April we will be joined by a representative of the park district to explain the upcoming Levy request on your May ballot. Lunch will be provided. Learn more on the [Cedar Mill Business Association website](#).

Esperanza Spanish School: Spanish Immersion and STEAM Program

330 SW Murray Blvd (near Village Church).

Unlock your child's potential with Esperanza Spanish School's immersive Spanish and STEAM curriculum! Enroll now and receive a special offer of \$100 off for the next



six months. We also accept ERDC.

Our program is designed to provide a stimulating learning environment where children can thrive academically and creatively. With a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), we ensure a well-rounded education that prepares children for a bright future. We also have special programs every day such as gardening, music, painting, etc. Call us today at 971-344-6528 or visit the [Esperanza Spanish School website](#) to schedule a tour and learn more about our programs.

Controlling the Cost of College

Saturday, April 20, 3-4 pm, Meeting Room A, Beaverton City Library, free, [registration required at the Beaverton Library website](#)

Parents and teens, do your future plans include college? Are you curious about out-of-pocket costs and how to pay? Jamison McAndie, CFP® will explain how financial aid works and how to plan ahead to manage college expenses.

Shred event at Keller Williams

Saturday, April 20, 9-noon, Keller Williams Realty Professionals, 9755 SW Barnes Road, free

Celebrate the end of tax season by shredding unneeded papers! Shred-it will be onsite to shred your confidential papers. Doughnuts and coffee will be available.

Hosted by [Hall Property Group](#), [Karina Stark Team](#), [Michellé Hut-ton Real Estate Group](#), and [Summer Browner Real Estate](#). The community is welcome! [Find up-to-date](#)

[information here.](#)

SSPFCU is a 10X!

Management Consultant and author Jim Collins ("Good to Great and Great by Choice") researched more than 20,000 companies to find a set of practices that were most successful against industry peers. He referred to these companies as '10X.' Using his criteria, the national magazine, 'Credit Union Today' created a 10X list of common traits that successful credit unions follow. These include consistent membership growth, sturdy core earnings, profits that fueled continuous investment, exceptional scale in operations, and ongoing capacity for growth through strong capital.

Out of 4,600 credit unions nationwide, Sunset Credit Union was named one of 46 credit unions as a 10X Top Performer! "We're honored to be selected as a nationwide 10X



credit union," said Sunset Credit Union CEO, Rhonda Baggarley. "Now that we're open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Washington County, we want everyone to know, they too can experience a 10X credit union. You can even join securely online!"

Sunset Credit Union is a full-service, not-for-profit financial institution serving anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Washington County. Visit the [Sunset Credit Union website](#) or stop by their office at 1100 NW Murray Blvd to learn more.

2024 Cedar Mill Farmers Market Opening Day

Saturday, May 4, 9 am, corner of NW Cornell & Murray Roads, free

Farmers Market season is just around the corner. Please mark your calendars for our Opening Day! We are working on fundraising, recruiting some people who really love the market to volunteer on a regular basis, and we are looking for a few more vendors to round out our product list. We are specifically looking for hot food, eggs, meat/poultry/fish, cheese, berries, jams/jellies, nut butters, and hanging floral baskets.

If you are a local business that is community-minded, we would



love for you to join our sponsorship team. We can't do what we do without the help and support of our local community. [Contact us](#) if you are interested. We will also be starting a fundraising campaign to help with the costs of running the market. Stay tuned for more information.

Stay up to date on what is happening at the market by signing up for our weekly newsletter that starts up again in April. Contact us at ourcmfm@gmail.com to sign up, if you would like more information about the market, or if you have any questions.

Bethany Family Pet Clinic news

We're reaccredited! We're so excited to share that as of February of this year, we officially have 25 years of AAHA Accreditation. {Read more in the [online edition of CMN](#)}

Cedar Mill's real estate market: Spring selling season

By Jan Dempsey, Realtor, Windermere Realty Group

5000 active home buyers have come into Portland's Spring market since my March report (RMLS lock box statistics). The market gains momentum every year as we move closer to the end of the colder months, and our local real estate market begins to shift to favor sellers as more buyers start actively searching for homes.

Home inventory has dropped further, and prices have begun to rise more steadily as the competition tightens. Conditions are right for sellers to benefit from these factors that will likely only improve as we head further into Spring.

Buyer traffic is one of the most important indicators of the state of the housing market. In February and March a much higher number of active buyers shifted the housing market to lukewarm status. Based on the seasonal cycles of our local market, we should see the number

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CPO 1 news

April CPO 1 meeting: What's on the May Ballot?

Tuesday, April 9, 7-9 pm, hybrid [via zoom](#) and at Cedar Grove East Community Room, 13400 NW Cornell

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

At about 7:40 we'll begin the main topic: **Who and What is on our May Primary Ballot?**

We have invited representatives for the following tax levy measures: [Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District](#); [Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue](#), and [Metro](#). We'll include any organized opposition if we are able to find people to speak on that.

We have invited Washington County Sheriff Candidate Caprice Massey, who is running unopposed for a four-year term after having been appointed last year.

You now have the choice of meeting [online via zoom](#), or in person in the East Community Room at Cedar Grove Apartments at the corner of Murray and Cornell. If you are driving, please either park on the street or in the southeast corner of the Safeway lot. If you can't attend the meeting, it is recorded and available on YouTube for viewing later. [Visit our YouTube channel and subscribe!](#) Our [Facebook Group](#) is a good place to discuss current issues and get timely updates.



CPO 7 meeting

Monday, April 8, 7-9 pm, Bethany Presbyterian Church, 15505 NW Springville Road and livestreamed on the [CPO 7 Facebook page](#).

Main topic: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) will discuss the future park at Heckman Lane, the Westside Trail Crossing at Highway 26, and the Waterhouse Trail.

Following these presentations, there will be a CPO 7 update and time for general discussion. Note that there are still vacancies on the Steering Committee, and we encourage all CPO 7 members to consider joining this team. They can email CPO7Leaders@gmail.com with

questions or to submit their name.

Development news

SW Taylor/SW Salmon partition



A three-parcel partition is proposed for a .64 acre property between SW Taylor and Salmon near SW 95th. The existing house on Taylor is proposed to be demolished, and two additional lots will have access from Salmon. Comments are due by April 10 and [can be made via this page](#), select Case File #L2400049.

French International School addition

An addition to the French International School of Oregon is being proposed to the City of Portland. The address is 8500 NW Johnson Street, near Barnes & Miller. According to a sign on the property, the proposal includes nine buildings of



one and two stories, with total parking to be determined. Information on the sign says to contact info@frenchintl.org or [visit the website](#) for more information, however we didn't find anything about this addition. Apparently, a meeting was held in February, but we didn't get the info in time to investigate.

Peterkort Starbucks Phasing

April 3, 6:30 pm, [via zoom](#)

Baysinger Partners Architecture requests approval of a Design Review Three application to allow two-phase construction of a previously approved single-phase

development. In Phase 1, the applicant proposes to 1) expand the existing [Peterkort Towne Square shopping center pad](#) building that formerly housed Sunrise Bagels; 2) add approximately 1,120 square feet of area on the west end of the building, and 3) add a drive-through lane and pick-up window on the west end of the building. Phase 2 development is limited in scope to constructing a new 2,950 sq. ft. building on the portion of the site identified as Pad J.

March 2024 CPO 1 Meeting Notes

By Bruce Bartlett, CPO 1 Vice Chair

Service Provider Updates

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Tualatin Valley Water District, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue visited us in February. All agencies are having an extremely difficult time hiring enough people to serve our needs. If you are looking for a rewarding professional first-responder job, look into the [Sheriff's Office](#) or [TV Fire & Rescue](#) positions.

As the weather warms and activity increases, many [volunteer positions are open](#) to provide essential assistance to programs at the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District.

Adopt One Block

Sunday, April 21, 1-4 pm, meeting place below

The Cedar Mill Community Club (CMCC) is hosting the first Cedar Mill Town Center Cornell Road Cleanup! We'll patrol for trash along Cornell Road from Sunset HS to NW 119th. Meet in the Sunset Athletic annex parking lot (13861 NW Cornell) across from Sunset High School. CMCC will provide buckets, bags, long-handle-grabbers, and vinyl and leather gloves. Please wear bright colored, running-style clothes for visibility. For details, please contact CPO 1 Vice Chair, Bruce Bartlett at bonny-slopemayor@gmail.com.

Fish & Wildlife and Smart Development

Ariana Scipioni, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's (ODFW) regional habitat biologist covering a large area in NW Oregon, explained why beavers and frogs both need connected habitat to move across the landscape. In collaboration with

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Road News, continued from page 1

For more information on how WashCo manages and uses road signs, [visit this page](#).

Transportation Improvement Projects

Learn more about [transportation projects](#) currently in construction or design on this page. Here are some local upcoming projects.

Cornell Road Sidewalk Repair

The [sidewalks on Cornell Road](#) from Saltzman to Dale Avenue are damaged. LUT will replace over 3200 square feet of sidewalk panels where needed on both sides of the road. The street trees that were originally planted are not suitable for the roadside environment. Over time, they have damaged the tree grates and surrounding sidewalk. We will remove and replace them with trees from our [approved street tree list](#).

Because the tree grates were custom built, we cannot replace them. We will fill the tree wells level to the sidewalk with mulch. The mulch will be replaced as needed.

Construction start (expected): May 2024; Construction finish (expected): June 2024. As of March 12, design work is nearing completion. Cost: \$200,000 (estimate) funded by the [Road Fund](#). For more information, contact Road Maintenance, lutops@washingtoncountyor.gov or 503-846-7623.

Thompson Road Realignment (Kenny Terrace)

Thompson Road has two sharp curves west of Saltzman. LUT will connect Thompson Road to Kenny Terrace west of Saltzman Road and north of Hartford Lane. This creates a new road alignment that avoids the curves. The new alignment has three vehicle lane. We will install buffered bike lanes and multiuse (bike and pedestrian) paths on both sides of the road.

Many of the existing trees along Kenny Terrace have outgrown the space and are unhealthy. Trees are being removed due to poor condition and to accommodate the multiuse paths. We will plant more trees throughout the area than we remove. Tree species are being selected for suitability to the landscape area provided. We will also improve stormwater drainage and street lighting.

The bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3. The bid opening date was pushed back two weeks

because the project manager was promoted, and a new project manager stepped in and needed to get up to speed, according to an LUT spokesperson. Construction start (expected): May 2024; Construction finish (expected): Summer 2025

[Sign up to get email updates](#). (NOTE this form covers all current projects, so you need to choose which projects you want emails for)

Paving and repair projects

The following projects are coming up this spring in the Cedar Mill and Bethany areas. [Visit the web page for updates](#).

Laidlaw Road, April 1-2, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Donnell Terrace to East Road; lane closures for culvert replacement.

Cornell Road/173rd Avenue intersection; April 3, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. intermittent lane closures for pavement repair.

Laidlaw Road, April 3, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Donnell Terrace to 118th Avenue; intermittent lane closures for pavement repair.

Kaiser Road, April 1-2: from Purvis Drive to Laidlaw Road

Summer 2024 Road Projects

Butner Road from Murray Boulevard to Downing Street
Cornell Road from 173rd Avenue to 200 Evergreen Parkway
Park Way from Walker Road to Cedar Hills Boulevard

In addition to road repair projects, many slurry seal projects will take place during the dry months on neighborhood and other streets. [See this web page](#) and search for streets that affect you.

Comment on the Draft Road Maintenance Program

Open house through April 21

Help shape our FY 2024-25 road maintenance activities by visiting the Draft FY 2024-25 Road Maintenance Program online

open house. Please visit each of the “tables” below to learn about the Draft FY 2024-25 Road Maintenance Program. Please share your comments and questions at the [Comment Here table](#) (Table 4).

[Review and comment on proposed maintenance activities](#). Highlights include 11.34 miles of chip seal pavement repair performed by LUT crews, 4.55 miles of paving done by contractors, Four major culvert replacements, 250 miles of sweeping bike lanes and shoulders, 1,800 miles of clearing and trimming roadside vegetation.

Walker Road construction drives on

Work continues on Walker Road, with two more projects moving toward construction.

[Walker Road Phase 2](#) (Schendel Avenue to Butner Road) is in construction through December.

[Walker Road Phase 3](#) (173rd Avenue to 185th Avenue) is expected to start

construction this fall and continue through late 2026.

[Walker Road and Murray Boulevard Intersection Project](#) is expected to start construction in summer 2025 and continue through summer 2027.

Ordinance 900: Amending the TSP

Tuesday, April 2, 10:25 am, [online](#) and Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building, Auditorium, 155 N. First Ave., Hillsboro

The first public hearing for Ordinance 900 will take place early this month, followed by a vote for passage. [Ordinance No. 900](#) (link to download a PDF, see the maps section for more info) proposes to amend the [Transportation System](#)

[Plan \(TSP\)](#) to incorporate general map and text changes for consistency with ongoing transportation planning efforts. Many of the amendments are proposed for consistency with transportation plan updates adopted by cities. The amendments

also establish the alignment of the Council Creek Regional Trail and include changes to the transit system map for consistency with recent transit service provider plans. The proposed ordinance is posted on the [County’s land use ordinance webpage here](#).

Maps that affect our area are on page 2, 20, 25 (bus lines); page 33-34 (Community Connection Areas) and page 35 (Pedestrian System Classifications from regional trail to trail refinement areas). The video of the meeting is available to view on the “Recent Meetings” tab on the [right side of this page](#).

Trimet is moving ahead on A Better Red

If you have missed being able to use the MAX Red Line to get to and from the airport, here’s some good news. We’re now through the last planned service disruptions needed for the project. The [Gateway North MAX Station](#) officially opened March 4. This station serves MAX Red Line trains heading from Portland International Airport toward City Center.

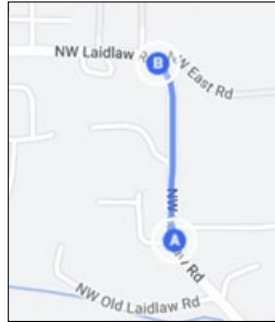
We wrapped up the last disruption of the project just days ago as our focus turned to the west side and extending the MAX Red Line 10 stations west. When A Better Red is complete later this summer, the Red Line will run between Hillsboro and Portland’s airport stations. That means faster and more convenient travel for riders and a better-connected west side.

Washington County Sheriff’s Office Open House

Saturday, April 13, 11-4, WCSO Public Safety Training Center, 600 Walnut St. [Save your spot today](#).

Explore the dynamic world of the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and discover a rewarding career with amazing benefits. You’ll meet our dedicated team, experience interactive demonstrations, and get an inside look into the life of a sheriff’s deputy. Learn about recruitment, training, and the diverse career paths available within our office.

Whether you’re a student planning your future or seeking a change, this event is perfect for those interested in law enforcement. Don’t miss your chance to ask questions, gain insights, and see how a career at WCSO will support you.



Legislative News

We asked a couple of our Oregon State Legislature representatives to offer their thoughts on the recently ended 2024 “Short Session” that began on February 5, and ended on March 7, and specifically what affects us in Cedar Mill.

From Lisa Reynolds, House District 34

(our current State Representative) I couldn't be prouder of my colleagues and our staff for tackling some of the most difficult challenges in our state this session.

We focused on substance use treatment and prevention by addressing Measure 110. Close to home, the legislature allocated almost \$9 million going to the Washington County Behavioral Health Division to support the development of the [Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment](#) project. This ambitious and comprehensive center for those struggling with addiction is already being lauded as a blueprint for other communities. And it's in House District 34! ([HB 5204](#))

The legislature also funded upstream interventions such as Nurse-Family Partnership (my personal bill) and Relief Nurseries. These are both programs for families with babies and toddlers, offering support and connection to resources and services. The fact that these programs are viewed as part of our addiction prevention strategy shows that the culture is changing, and folks are listening – we cannot treat ourselves out of the addiction crisis, we must focus on prevention. And the earlier, the better.

All of these projects were part of a total package of about \$211 million for addiction treatment and prevention statewide—a historic step forward!

In addition to combatting addiction, the legislature passed many other impactful bills this session. We continued our efforts on housing and homelessness, with \$379 million going to prevent and solve homelessness and to build affordable housing stock. We also passed campaign finance reform ([HB 4024](#))! Soon, campaign contributions will be limited to \$3,300 for organizations and private citizens to prevent the outsized influence of wealthy individuals.



Another important bill ([SB 1576](#)) ensured that public and private landowners are not liable for injuries sustained while recreating. This bill will make sure that Oregon's glorious parks and trails stay open to the public – and was a personal favorite of mine!

Lastly, for all those Sunset High School families out there—the legislature unanimously passed my bill about International Baccalaureate Diploma Reciprocity. This bill says that if students complete the requirements of their IB program, they will have met the requirements for an Oregon High School diploma. Removing these scheduling barriers will increase equity and accessibility to the IB diploma program. Full disclosure: the Oregon Department of Education and local school districts can tinker with this a little bit.

As we barrel towards 2025, I'm following Washington County's ban on flavored tobacco closely. I plan to revive my bill banning flavored tobacco across the state in 2025, along with introducing a major bill package to support maternal and early childhood health. Stay tuned!

From Maxine Dexter, House District 33

(formerly our rep before the boundaries were changed, now running for US House in east Multnomah County) “In just a few short weeks, the legislature was able to pass huge accomplishments for Oregonians that will be felt in every corner of our state. Some of the biggest investments were in housing, behavioral health, and public safety. I was proud to champion the housing package which invested a historic \$376



million to fund homeless shelters, support renters, build critical infrastructure, and boost housing production. These dollars will be coming to Washington County soon to address the urgent needs we are seeing in our communities.”

Her Outreach Coordinator, Mie Kumin, provided this summary.

Rep. Dexter is most proud of the historic housing package that she championed and led which invested a historic \$376 million into housing production, home ownership, public infrastructure, shelters, and rental assistance. [HB 1530](#), a key piece of legislation in the housing package, makes significant investments into recovery housing including \$1,555,274 to [Bridges to Change](#) for down payment and operational support for Washington County scattered housing sites, \$750,000 to Free on the Outside to support the purchase of a home in Washington County serving justice involved individuals, and \$1,020,000 to [Transcending Hope](#) (Familias Transcendiendo) for down payment and operational support in Washington County.

In addition to the housing package, the legislature passed [HB 4002](#) and [HB 5204](#), which include substantial investments into our behavioral health system and public safety. HB 5204 allocates \$8,900,000 to Washington County Behavioral Health Division to support the development of the Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment project in Beaverton and Hillsboro. Additionally, \$9.7 million was allocated to stabilize and expand treatment courts by providing permanent funding for treatment court coordinator positions that are currently funded through Oregon Criminal Justice Commission grants.



The CATT Center finally has the funds to move forward thanks to the 2024 legislature.

This funding will stabilize specialty court coordinator positions in many counties including Washington County. HB 4002 will provide \$20.7 million in grants to counties and tribal governments to fund deflection programs. The bill includes direct allocations for 23 counties that have indicated they intend to implement a deflection program, including Washington County.

While there are many more bills that were passed that will impact all Oregonians, these packages represent the largest investments and Rep. Dexter looks forward to seeing the positive results from this funding in Washington County.

Celebrate Spring with our Gardening & Mother's Day themes!

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History in the News

Five Oaks Museum Showcase

May 2, 6 pm, [Register for link](#)

The Fourth Annual Museum Showcase this spring will be a lively virtual event featuring local stories, music, and art to celebrate the mu-



seum's groundbreaking exhibitions, educational materials and programs, and the incredible community leaders who bring our work to life.

This year's program will feature Mariah Berlanga-Shevchuk, Lead Curator of Replenish the Root, our current exhibition that celebrates the layered history of Chatakuin, the historic Five Oaks site. We will also hear from local artist, and dedicated museum supporter, Marilyn Joyce, who will share meaningful connections between the land, her artwork, and the museum. Guest Curators Lehuauakea (DISplace) and Steph Littlebird (This IS Kalapuyan Land) will pop in with updates about how those exhibitions continue to grow and reach new audiences. More presenters still to be announced! Register now so you get the link to the event. And [ask us how you can join the sponsors](#) for this program.

Reciprocal Pass

Did you know Five Oaks Museum members get free access for

four people to different participating area museums each month? For April, we offer passes to Deepwood Museum & Gardens and the Hallie Ford Museum of Art.

Learn more and [get your membership today!](#) Regular Museum hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-4 pm. Be sure to visit soon to enjoy the current exhibition, "Replenish the Root: Six Centuries of Gathering Under the Oaks" takes visitors through a layered history of the stand of ancient trees that the museum is now named after.

How Oregon was named "Oregon!"

Wednesday, April 9, 7 pm,
20001 SW TV Highway
Aloha, Doors open at 6:45 pm,
refreshments provided, \$5
suggested donation.

The Beaverton Historical Society along with the Aloha Historical Society invites you to our upcoming monthly presentation with Darrel Jabin. His talk will include exploring land claims, and how our



state came to be named "Oregon." Jabin, Oregon's Traveling Historian, has been researching, discovering and sharing unique Oregon stories since 2009. He has created award winning videos, built a following on social media and provided over 350 presentations at communities throughout our state.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers series offered

Tuesdays, April 16-May 21, 1-2:30 pm, Legacy Medical Group Cornell, 1960 NW 167th Place

Registration is open for Powerful Tools for Caregivers, a six-week series designed to help unpaid family and friend caregivers learn to care for themselves while caring for others. The cost is \$30 to cover the price of the handbook, but the fee will be waived if this is a hardship. Contact Susan Williams with Washington County Disability, Aging and Vet-

eran Services at 503-846-3089 or familycaregiversupport@washingtoncountyor.gov to sign up.



Sharon and Elaine present the "Powerful Tools" workshop

Park News

THPRD News

Local Levy Option Update

A five-year levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 in assessed value for Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) will appear on your May ballot. If approved, it would increase taxes on the average home in the district by about \$152.12 per year, or \$12.68 per month, and ensure several things. First, weekly garbage collection at parks would not be reduced to monthly or twice a month at some parks. Second, public restrooms will stay open and clean without a reduction in cleaning service from multiple times a week to once a week or less. Third, this ensures after school and pre-school programming continues at THPRD. Fourth, the levy continues the existing maintenance service and recreation programming levels. This includes funding for nearly 50 full-time positions and 200 part-time positions that perform park, trail, and natural area maintenance and lead recreation classes and programs such as art, sports, and aquatics. Fifth, the funds will keep pools and splash pads open. Without a levy, the district will have to close some facilities, including three swimming pools and two splash pads. To learn more, visit the [levy webpage](#). A [video explaining the levy is on YouTube here](#).

Climate Action Plan

THPRD has long provided stewardship of natural areas, conducted energy and fuel efficiency evaluations, and run a recycling program. Responding to community interest and the district's comprehensive plan, to "be a leader in climate change response by prioritizing sustainability & resiliency in design, operations, and maintenance," THPRD's board of directors adopted the district's first climate action plan in March.

Actions in the mitigation section will help THPRD reduce the amount of greenhouse gases emitted, thereby helping to slow or stop the effects of climate change. Key actions include reducing building energy usage; using less water; and updating the

district's purchasing policy

Actions in the adaptation section will help people and parks to thrive and be more comfortable in the face of extreme weather, such as hotter, drier summers. The district's approach includes developing and implementing guidelines to create climate-adapted parks and facilities; supporting the community by participating in the Natural Hazard Mitigation Program; and stewarding parks and natural areas to be resilient and minimizing wildfire risks

The plan will be carried out over a five-year period and aligns with the Oregon Global Warming Commission's climate action goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 95% by 2050. [Read the full plan here](#).

Save the Date for THPRD Summer Registration

Saturday, April 13, 8 am for in-district residents. Monday, April 15 for ut-of-district registration

Registration for THPRD's summer programs, classes, and activities begins.

Summer Camp Preview

April 5, 6-8 pm, Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, 9985 SW 125th, free

Get a [preview of Summer 2024!](#) This year's camp theme is all about the Olympic Games. Visit us to play on the inflatables, watch a movie from the pool, play games, and make crafts. Let the Games begin!

Youth Volunteers Needed!

RISE Youth Leaders assist in a leadership capacity with district events, classes, and summer camps. Interested youth must be 13 or older and able to attend a virtual training session, which is approximately 1 1/2 hours in length, scheduled monthly throughout the spring. Youth can sign up at this [youth volunteer webpage](#).

We're Looking for Junior Lifeguards

Assist lifeguards during open swim and swimming classes. Interested youth must be 12 or older and be able to complete a junior lifeguard course (20-25 hours of

training). No swimming experience is necessary, as long as they are willing to get in the water and learn. Youth can sign up at this [youth volunteer webpage](#).

In April near Cedar Mill

Compiled by Victoria Jimenez, CMN editor

Volunteer opportunities

Jackie Husen Park Community Garden

Saturday, April 6, 9-11:30 am, Jackie Husen Park, 10955 NW Reeves St., Portland

Help us spruce up the Community Garden at Jackie Husen Park! Volunteers will help weed and mulch, as needed. Please bring



a reusable water bottle to drink throughout the day. If possible, we also ask that you bring your own gardening gloves and hand tools. Extra tools and gloves will be available. No gardening experience necessary. The garden is located next to the parking lot on SW Bonnie Brae

Street. To register, please visit the event page on the [THPRD website](#).

Bilingual volunteers to help with registration

Tuesday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 10, 3:30-7 pm, H.M. Terpenning Recreation Complex

Practice your Spanish language skills while helping families in your community at THPRD's Centro de Bienvenida—a Welcome Center for English Language Learners and Financial Aid Families. With staff support, volunteers will welcome and guide families through the selection of classes and opportunities with THPRD. All levels of bilingual skills (English-Spanish) are welcome. Please bring a reusable water bottle to drink from throughout your shift. For more information or to sign up, visit the [THPRD website](#).

Events near Cedar Mill

Spring Native Plant Sale

April 12-13. all day, Tualatin Hills Nature Center, 15655 SW Walker Rd.

Friends of Tualatin Hills Nature Park and Tualatin Hills Nature Center are teaming up with Sparrowhawk Native Plants to bring another

spring native plant sale to Beaverton! Together, we're offering over 100 species of habitat-friendly native plants and supporting the Tualatin Hills Nature Park and environmental education programs! Online ordering began on February 25 with plant orders available for pick-up at Tualatin Hills Nature Park on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13. Please visit the [event webpage](#) for more information about ordering. You can learn more on the [Sparrowhawk Native Plants website](#).

Eid al-Fitr Celebration!

Sunday, April 14, 2-6 pm, 15707 SW Walker Rd., free

In-person Eid celebration! One of two major holidays celebrated by Muslims, Eid commemorates the



end of the holy month of Ramadan. The celebration is co-sponsored by THPRD, Cool Islam, Islamic Community Center of Hillsboro, Islamic Society of Greater Portland, Bilal Masjid, and Afghan Support Network. With inflatables, laser tag, bazaar, food vendors, and more, this is a celebration not to be missed! All are welcome. Please visit the [event website](#) for more information or to volunteer.

Día de los Niños/Book Day

Saturday, April 27, 11 am-2 pm, Cedar Hills Rec Center, 11640 SW Park Way

Join us for a day of joy and celebration at Cedar Hills Recreation Center as we honor Children's Day/Book Day! Enjoy various activities—arts and crafts, inflatables, bilingual storytime, Loteria, FREE books courtesy of the West Slope Community Library, a captivating Aztec dance performance by the Macuilshochitl Meshica-Toltec Dance group, and more. Día de los Niños/Book Day is observed in many Latin American countries and the United States to encourage all children to explore the world of books, promote education, and foster a love for learning while celebrating the richness of cultural diversity. Please visit the event page on the [THPRD website](#) for more information.

Business Updates, continued from page 1
a little work to complete on the roof. I'm reluctant to name a date because we've had to change it so many times, but we're hopeful." You can follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)—they'll announce the opening date there first.

Contractors found ceiling and roof damage in other areas of the restaurant so that also has taken extra time. (Oregon weather doesn't love a flat roof!) The building was [built around 1970 by the Choban family](#) for their Greek restaurant Marika's. The family still owns the building. [Si Señor moved into it](#) from their previous location in the "triangle" center in 2016.



We can't wait for their wonderful food, vibrant colorful furniture and décor, and relaxed and friendly family atmosphere. They were a takeout staple during the COVID era too! Let the inspection gods smile on them!

Stickmen Brewing Company opening this summer

July 2024, 12099 SW Barnes Road (across the street from Market of Choice)

The taproom at the Cedar Mill location is planned to include a 5,000-square-foot family-friendly taproom with a menu that reflects the other locations. This includes wood-fired pizzas, salads, apps, 28 taps, wine, cider, and cocktails. The location will include a pet-friendly covered patio. More information about the company can be found at the official [Stickmen Brewing Company website](#). (Some Information taken from [Beaverton Valley Times article](#)).

Surge Wellness

Opening summer 2024 in the Kirkland Place development, this will be an "advanced wellness center with many offerings—focused on optimal wellness, longevity, recovery, and performance," according to owner Casey Holliman. It will move into the space above AFC Urgent Care on the second floor, next to Wolfe Dental. We'll bring you more info next month. The building at 11786 NW Cedar Falls is next to Barnes Road, west of the uncompleted hotel.

Earth Day, continued from page 1
in fun games and build sustainable habits. Anyone who lives or works in Washington County, Oregon can play. Family and friends living outside of the county may play and earn points but are not eligible to enter prize drawings. The last day for submissions is May 4, 2024.

Here's how to join! Download Goosechase on [AppStore for iOS](#) or [GooglePlay for Android](#). Then



sign in as a guest or create an account. Enter game code P8LBGG or search Earth Month (and Beyond).

Get started on your missions! Each mission will have a task and a specific way to submit that mission for points: text, photo, video or GPS/location check-in. Example: Post a picture of an item from your recycling bin that should have been in the garbage on the app. All missions are voluntary. You can choose which ones you want to try. Points are awarded based on the difficulty of the mission. Challenge others to see who can complete the most missions and earn the most points. Visit [the Goosechase webpage](#) to learn more.

All missions are either located in Washington County, Oregon or can be completed online. There are many different missions for you to try! Here are just a few examples: Take a selfie with your favorite house plant! Borrow/replace a book from a [Little Free Library](#). Attend [PlanetCon](#), a community collection event, and share one thing you learned.

All submissions that require sensitive participant information, such as the Prizes-Drawings mission for contact information, will automatically be private and only be used to award prizes. All other mission submissions will be public for other participants to view to maintain a fun and competitive environment.

Anyone who lives or works in Washington County, Oregon is eligible for prizes. All eligible participants who submit at least two missions can be entered for a drawing. Eligible participants who want to be entered for a drawing must complete at least two missions and also complete the mission titled Prizes-Drawings.

There will be several drawings for fun "zero-waste" prizes such

as, travel utensil kits, metal boba straws, travel tea mugs, collapsible to-go containers, silicone snack bags and silicone food coverings. Still have questions? Contact recycle@WashingtonCountyOR.gov



SOLVE Oregon Spring Cleanups

Join us in celebrating Earth Day across the region by participating in the Oregon Spring Cleanup. This is your chance to contribute to environmental conservation efforts and positively impact our planet. As volunteer projects are added, [they will be listed here](#). Several events are already listed in our area. Enter your zip code in the [Advanced Search tool](#) to find one that appeals to you and your family.



Recycling Update

Washington County Solid Waster & Recycling publishes a newsletter with tips, events, and useful information for everyone who wants to contribute LESS to the waste stream. This month's edition includes "Where does it go?" facts about recycling; tips to prevent food going bad; meal prep ideas; and a note about [Food Waste Prevention Week, April 1-7](#). Sign up here (note: the link offers many options so be sure to check the one you need.)



Viva Village April news

Viva Village is a Beaverton 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. 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 [Viva Village website](#) and in the [web version of The News](#).

Online Age Café

Friday, April 5, 11 am-12 pm

Small group conversations exploring topics of interest to older adults. Interesting new topics each session. Co-sponsored by Viva Village, Beaverton City Library, and Washington County DAVS. Registration optional. Register on the Library website to receive a reminder email.

Women's Coffee (in person)

Wednesdays in April, 10-11 am, meet at New Seasons Market, 3495 SW Cedar Hills Bl., RSVP recommended.

Coffee and conversation.

Online Viva Village 101

Saturday, April 13, 10-11:30 am

An informational session for prospective members, volunteers, or anyone interested in Viva Village. Register on the website or contact the office for the Zoom link.

Online Travel Talk

Monday, April 8, 7-8 pm

Enjoy traveling virtually to Bordeaux and the south of France with Viva Villager Gerry Lukos. RSVP for the Zoom link. Login to register on our website or contact the office.

Viva Village Forum

Monday, April 15, 2-3:30 pm, United Methodist Church, Wesley Room, 12555 SW 4th Street, free

Topic: The Beaverton Library: A Valuable Community Asset. Addie Mathis, Beaverton Library Outreach Specialist, and Beth Gilbert, Community Engagement Librarian, will talk about the wide variety of services offered, events relevant to seniors, and the challenges the library faces. Refreshments served. RSVP recommended. Register on the website calendar or contact the Viva Village office.

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CPO news, continued from page 3
Portland State University, ODFW mapped out statewide wildlife habitat connectivity at detailed resolutions for 54 species. Smart development such as roadway overpasses and underpasses can help maintain critical wildlife movement. An underpass for frogs is being constructed on Hwy 30!

The beaver is our state animal due to the large population of beavers at the time of colonization. Industrial-scale trapping decimated the population in the late 1800's. Now, ODFW has formed the Beaver Works Oregon to improve communication and information on the competing benefits and costs of beaver management in the state, working to improve understanding of beaver ecology and management. HB 3464, signed into law on January 1, 2024, moves the management of beavers from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to ODFW, where they will be tasked with adopting rules relating to beaver management (extermination and trapping) on private lands as well as tracking populations as a whole.

Westside Multimodal Improvements Study (WMIS)

Stephanie Millar of the Oregon Dept of Transportation (ODOT) and Kate Hawkins of Metro described the WMIS. They were joined by Don Odermott, a member of the WMIS Steering Committee and a local transportation expert. The study analyzed over 80 transportation projects, policies, and programs that could help improve existing and future transportation deficiencies in the westside corridor. With the county's burgeoning population, it is crucial to design an efficient system that will serve the area for decades to come. Mr. Odermott discussed the completed Washington County Transportation Futures Study which informed the work of the WSIS. Many transportation projects are de-

Viva Village cont.

Men's Coffee Break

Monday, April 22, 10-11:30 am, Ki Coffee, 4655 SW Griffith Dr. #160

Conversation and coffee. RSVP recommended.

Online Viva Village Book Club

Tuesday, April 23, 1-2:30 pm

Selected book: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. RSVP for the Zoom link.

scribed by this study, including the First and Last Mile (FLM) project which developed strategies to make bicycle and pedestrian amenity improvements, provide on-demand transportation features such as small shuttles, ridesharing, carsharing, bike-sharing, ride-sourcing, and a mobility interchange hub, and the policy considerations to facilitate these options.

The WMIS examined four enhancement scenarios for minor improvements in Scenario 1 to major large-scale infrastructure improvements in Scenario 4. The recommendations coming from the study are being reviewed by the WMIS Steering Committee which defer the large-scale projects in Scenario 4 to a future date. We will share these recommendations with CPO 1 when they are approved.

TVF&R asks voters to approve a local option levy for emergency services

Voters will decide in the May 21 election whether to support Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's (TVF&R) local option levy to maintain fire and emergency medical response services and personnel hired since 2000.

Measure 34-332 proposes a replacement five-year operating levy with a rate of 69 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For a property assessed at \$305,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the local option levy would be about \$210 per year or \$17.54 a month. TVF&R's existing levy, which was approved in 2019, will not sustain current or future fire and emergency medical service operations and is set to expire in June 2025. Under Oregon law, levies expire in five years or less and require voter approval.

If the replacement levy passes, levy funds will retain existing first responders and add 36 more. Additional responders at existing stations will ensure prompt response times and reliability when multiple incidents happen at the same time.

If approved, the replacement levy would appear on the November 2025 property tax statement. This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than 3%. TVF&R intends to maintain the same levy rate for 10 years, which will help long-term planning, ensure service stability, and provide predictability to taxpayers. For more information or to schedule a presentation, call Public Affairs Manager Stefan Myers at 503-649-8577.

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Garden & Nature news

Tree and Native Plant Sale

Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, 9 am-5 pm, Skyline Grange Hall, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd

We have over 100 native plant species and a good selection of bareroot fruit-bearing, shade, and ornamental trees and shrubs. Informational tables and displays, resources, and handouts too!

You can download a list of native plants and their descriptions at [Plant Sales – Skyline Grange #894 \(skylinegrange894.org\)](#). We will send you a list of trees/shrubs available as bareroots on Thursday evening, April 4.

All proceeds go to Skyline Grange's Capital Improvement Fund. NOTE: restroom only available by stairs.

Living with Black Bears

Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm, Skyline Grange Hall, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd., free

Join us in the fourth presentation in our Education Committee's "2024 Skyline Living Series" of presentations & workshops. Come listen to Benjamin Cate, ODFW Wildlife Biologist from Sauvie Island, talk about our local black bear neighbors, their lives, and what we can do to reduce the chance of conflict and a bear becoming more habituated to human presence.

Please visit our [series webpage](#) for more details.

Treekeepers of Washington County programs

We work to protect and advocate for trees in urban unincorporated Washington County. Don't miss our upcoming events! All of them are free. [Visit the Treekeepers website](#) to learn more.

Tree Walk: A Roam in Rood Bridge Park

Friday, April 12, 11:30 am, Rood Bridge Park, 4000 SE Rood Bridge Rd., Hillsboro, [register here](#), free

Let's roam around the lovely trails, trees, water, flowers, and birds of Hillsboro's Rood Bridge Park. This walk will be approximately 2 miles on a mix of paved and dirt or gravel trails. It's mostly flat but rolling (and even a bit steep) in some places. Becky, your leader, is planning to pack a sandwich and

eat it at one of the many picnic tables after the walk—please bring something and join her if you're so inclined.

This park has much to love. It's located at the place where the Tualatin River meets Rock Creek, and it also has a lake, a pond, and a Rhododendron Garden. Because of all these waters, roaming (and maybe some out-and-back) is required, as some areas can be impassable due to flooding. Dress for the weather and wear waterproof boots if you have them! Registration is limited. Sign up to see the location.

Tree Conversation Meetup

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-8 pm, Cascadia Commons, 4377 SW 94th Ave., [register here](#), free

Get to know your tree-loving neighbors and build community at our next Treekeepers meetup at Cascadia Commons. This month's agenda will focus on honing plans for future meetings, both for Tree Talk Speakers and for these less formal meetings. We look forward to your ideas and input for ways to help trees.

Washington County Master Gardener programs

Lawn Be Gone

Saturday, April 6, 10 am-noon, PCC Rock Creek, Bldg. 7, Room 105 and WCMGA Education Garden, 17705 NW Springville Rd.

OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers Susan Albright, Lisa Barnhart, and Tamara Newton Baker will lead this class explaining turf removal methods and options for what to plant in its place (e.g., eco-lawn, drought tolerant plants, native plants). They will discuss planning, soil prep, planting tips, and touch on irrigation options. Approved for one hour of MG education credit.

Save the Date for Gardenfest 2024!

Saturday, May 4, 9 am-1 pm, PCC Rock Creek Campus, Hoop House area near Building 4, 17705 NW Springville Rd.

Plant sales, information booths, kids' activities, demonstrations, book and tool sales, and more! Join us as we take over the large gravel parking area and fill it with everything garden!

For more information on all our programs, please go to the [WCMGA website](#). The Washington County



Gardenfest is a plant sale, but so much more!

Master Gardener™ Association (WCMGA) sponsors a wide variety of gardening—related demonstrations, lectures, seminars, and workshops in various Washington County Oregon locations. Most of our events are free and open to the public. The WCMGA is a 501c3 non-profit.



Birdathon!

Kickoff April 22-25, Main event April 27-June 2, various locations

Looking for a fun way to help protect birds and their habitat? Here's your chance to do what you already enjoy out in nature—birding, hiking, biking, paddling, exploring—while helping birds. [Join us for Birdathon](#), our biggest fundraiser of the year! We hope to bring in over \$188,000 during Birdathon 2024 and with the help of our [Bird Alliance of Oregon](#) community, this goal is well within reach. We have a variety of teams, with options for seasoned birders, new birders, photographers, women, and LGBTQIA+ birders.

Birdathon is a fundraiser where participants ask for donations from friends and family, then head out into the field to count birds. Donations can be a flat amount or a per-species pledge where more birds found means more money raised. Everyone who registers for Birdathon receives tips and templates to make fundraising easier. Birdathoners are invited to a celebration in June to recognize their collective achievements.

From the coast to the Portland metro area to Malheur and Klamath, Bird Alliance of Oregon uses every dollar raised on the ground here in Oregon to protect native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats through advocacy, environmental education, wildlife rehabilitation, and land stewardship.

How to Participate: Join a Team: See our [full list of teams](#) with descriptions. Teams will go out Between April 27 and June 2. Create a Team: Start your own team and invite your family or friends to join you in birding and fundraising. Solo Birdathon: Are you more of a Solitary Sandpiper when it comes to birding? Do a Birdathon on your own! You can register as an individual. Donate: Can't join Birdathon this year? Support your favorite participant or team [with a donation](#)

We are jump-starting Birdathon 2024 with a kickoff week full of [fun and informative classes](#) from April 22-25, with a special focus on our logo bird, the Lewis's Woodpecker. Zoom classes will cover a variety of bird-related topics. To be eligible to participate, you will need to raise or donate at least \$45 by April 20.

10-Minute University

[Sign up](#) to get the [Clackamas County Master Gardener](#) calendar and info newsletter to find out about all the wonderful gardening courses and other offerings. Many are online and open to everyone. Some classes this month include Raised Bed Gardening: Tips and Tricks, and Ten Proven Ideas for a Bird-Friendly Garden.



SNR: A Focused Look Community Forum

April 6, 1:30-4 pm, Cedar Hills Recreation Center, 11640 SW Park Way

The county has been working on a new plan for Significant Natural Resources. There will be a presentation at 2 pm. Staff will be available to answer questions and hear your feedback. Spanish interpretation will be available. If you need a sign or spoken language interpreter, please call 503-846-3968 (or 7-1-1 for telecommunications Relay Service) at least 48 hours prior to this event. [Learn more here](#).

Washington County News

County Boards and Commissions have openings

The recently announced opening on the **Planning Commission (PC)** was the result of the resignation of Stacy Milliman who is moving out of Washington County. She was one of two Commissioners appointed by Nafisa Fai, Washington County Board of Commissioners (BCC) member representing District 1. Commissioner Fai will nominate a replacement who will be confirmed by a vote of the BCC at an upcoming meeting.

The nine member Planning Commission advises the BCC on the adoption, revision, or repeal of



portions of the [County's Comprehensive Plan](#). The PC also makes final land use decisions for some plan amendments. PC decisions may be appealed to the Board.

PC members must reside in Washington County. Generally, two members are appointed by each Board Commissioner, and one by the Board Chair as an at-large appointment. No more than two members can be engaged principally in the buying, selling or development of real estate, and the PC already has two, Mike Frey (District 2) and Jared Whipps (District 3). No more than two members can be engaged in the same occupation, and at this time there are no members engaged in the same occupation. Some knowledge of the [Oregon land use planning system](#) is helpful.

WashCo Senior Planner Todd Borkowitz, Land Use & Transportation (LUT) staff liaison to the PC, says, "While a board commissioner typically recommends a potential PC appointee from their district, they can also recommend someone residing elsewhere in the County. The Board has made out-of-district appointments in the recent past, including PC member Jared Whipps who the Board appointed earlier this year."

The following county advisory [Boards & Commissions](#) have positions open now. Several will also have positions available later in the

year as terms expire. To learn about Boards & Commissions, [visit the County website here](#).

Advisory Council on Racial Equity (ACRE): 2 positions available now and 6 positions available after Jun 30, 2024.

Aging and Veteran Services Advisory Council: 7 positions available now and 3 positions available after Jun 30, 2024.

Audit Committee: 4 positions available now and 4 positions available after Jun 30, 2024.

Behavioral Health Council: 7 positions available now.

Enhanced Sheriff Patrol District/Urban Road Maintenance District Budget Committee (ESPD/URMD): 1 position available now and 1 position available after Jun 30, 2024.

Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) Advisory Committee: 3 positions available now.

Fairgrounds Development Advisory Committee: 3 positions available now

Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee: 2 positions available now.

Homeless Solutions Advisory Council: 4 positions available now.

Housing Advisory Committee (HAC): 1 position available.

North Bethany County Service District for Roads Budget Committee: 1 position available now and 2 positions available after Jun 30, 2024.

Northwest Area Commission on Transportation (NWACT): 2 positions available now.

Planning Commission: 1 position available now.

Property Value Appeal Board: 1 position available now and 5 positions available after Jun 30.

Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee (URMDAC): 2 positions available now.

Anyone interested in any of these topics is encouraged to investigate further. The [Boards & Commissions](#) page has additional information on each position, and clicking on the name gives detailed information about requirements and time commitments. [Ed. Note: I have eliminated B&C listings that don't pertain to Cedar Mill and Bethany readers. That info can be found on the links mentioned above.]

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"I Lived to Tell the World" Author's Conversation

Tuesday, April 16, 6 pm, Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St, free

Join us for a conversation with author Elizabeth Mehren on the various aspects of creating her powerful collection of stories. This will be a different type of conversation, as together we remember the remarkable journey that culminated in the publication of this book and we explore its relevance in today's world of increasing conflict.

Many thanks to our partner and community supporter, The Beaverton City Library, for giving us the opportunity to have this timely conversation to commemorate Genocide Awareness Month. Read here for [more information](#).

Library Events and Programs

Abbreviations: [Cedar Mill Library](#) is CML, 1080 NW Saltzman Rd.; [Bethany Library Annex](#) is BLA, 4888 NW Bethany Blvd, Suite K-2; [Bethany Library](#) is BL, 15325 NW Central Drive, Suite J-8y). [Washington County Cooperative Library Services](#) is WCCLS.

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries (CMBCL) invite you to find event calendars, storytime schedules and more on website. Find event calendars, storytime schedules and more on the [Library website](#). [Ed. Note: the entire CMBCL submission is in the online version of [Cedar Mill News](#). The print/PDF version is shortened and leaves out many repeating classes.]

[Visit this page](#) to read the latest newsletter and sign up to get it in your inbox. For more information, call (503) 644-0043, visit the website library.cedarmill.org; or email us: askuscml@wccls.org

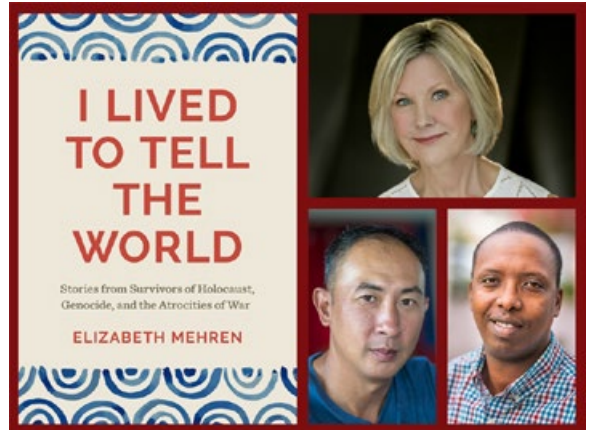
Kids

Grab and Go Crafts

Friday, April 5, CML and BL

Pick up craft supplies at either library. Crafts are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. One per child, please.

Positive Parenting Meetup



Saturday, April 13, 10:30-11:30 am, CML, Ages 1-3 & their caregivers, **Registration Required**

Join us for an interactive playgroup and parenting class. Get expert advice from Positive Discipline Educator and Happy Home founder, Megan Barella.

DIY Bookmark

Monday, April 8, 1-3 pm, CML, Ages 6-12

Decorate your own bookmark using our supplies.

STEM Pop-Up Activity

Tuesday, April 9, 2-4 pm, BL, Ages 6-11

Drop in for self-directed, easy STEM projects.

Who Would Win Party

Saturday, April 9, 2-3:30 pm, CML, Ages 6-11

Are you a fan of Who Would Win books? Join us for fierce crafts, extreme games, amazing animal trivia and more!

Teens & Tweens

Teen Crafternoon: Paper Dragon Puppets

Saturday, April 6, 1-3 pm, BLA, Ages 11-18, **Registration Required**

Learn to fold paper to make your own elaborate dragon hand puppet! Materials provided.

"Stories of Vulnerability:" A Mark Oshiro Reading Challenge

April 1-30, 8-12th grades

Author Mark Oshiro has gathered some of their favorite books featuring raw, vulnerable characters. Read one title, check off your progress in the Beanstack app and be entered into a drawing for a Powells' gift card. [Sign up on](#)

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[the website](#) or by scanning the QR code.

Visit the [Teen webpage](#) to find resources for teens and tweens.

Adults

DIY Candle Holder

Thursday, April 4, 6-7:30 pm, CML, Adults, Registration Required

Use molding clay and simple tools to create a beautiful lotus flower candle holder, then fire your creation in your oven at home. All materials provided.

English for Speakers of Other Languages, Intermediate

Thursdays, April 4-May 30, 3-5 pm, CML, Adults

Discuss themes, grammar, and vocabulary from the provided textbook. Hosted by Goodwill Industries.

Spanish Conversation Hour

Wednesday, April 10 & May 8, 6:30-7:30 pm, CML, Adults

Chat and improve your Spanish language skills through facilitated conversation.

Technology Open Lab

Thursday, April 11, April 25, 1-3 pm, CML, Adults

Get started with basic computer skills and practice with laptops, tablets, or cell phones. Bring your own device or use one of our laptops.

Supporting Youth Mental Health in a Post-Pandemic World

Wednesday, April 17, 6-7:30 pm, Zoom, Adults, Registration Required

Discuss how youth mental health was impacted and has evolved throughout the pandemic, and to what extent covid "after-shocks" are still happening. Focus will be on upper elementary and middle school-age students. Presented by Allan Cordova, Ph.D.

A Will Is Not Enough

Thursday, April 18, 6-7:30 pm, CML, Adults

Receive practical advice on safeguarding your assets and health-care wishes during and after your lifetime.

What You Should Know When You're Starting as a Caregiver: Presented by DAVS

Friday, April 19, 2-3 pm, CML, Ages 19+

This workshop will discuss important conversations, resources, and how to advocate for yourself.

Beyond Recycling at Home

Thursday, April 25, 6-7:30 pm, CML, Adults

Discover other strategies to practice at home to reduce our environmental footprint even more than recycling.

Monthly Groups for Adults

Questions? Write askuscml@wcls.org and visit [the Library website](#).

Writers' Mill workshop with Carolyn Martin

Sunday, April 21, 1-3 pm, CML and Zoom

Carolyn Martin will lead local writers and friends with a presentation and workshop on poetry, inspiration, getting published, and just having fun with words. Join us in person or ask the librarian for a Zoom link to join online. Find us at portlandwritersmill.org.

Owl Book Group

Friday, April 26, 10:30 am-12 pm, CML, Ages 16+

Discuss Mercury Pictures Presents by Anthony Marra together.

Voices in Verse

Saturday, April 27, 10:30-11:45 am, Online via Zoom, Ages 16+, Registration Required

Share your own poetry or listen to others' favorites.

Learn more about library groups and events for adults on the [Adults webpage](#).

Second Edition Resale

Tuesday-Saturday, 10-4, and Sunday, 12-4, 1050 NW Saltzman Rd.

Spring has sprung, with gardening and Mothers' Day themes at Second Edition Resale!

All proceeds from your purchases made at Second Edition Resale support Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries. Donations accepted Tuesday through Saturday during business hours, except during Storewide Sales weeks.

Learn more on the [Second Edition Resale webpage](#). Follow @SecondEditionResale on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see the newest items and keep up with promotions and sales.

Library Book Sale

CMBCL's Book Sale offers over 2,000 titles at great prices waiting to be yours! 100% of your Book Sale purchases and donations benefit the nonprofit Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries. Questions about donating? Call 503-644-0043 or visit the [Library book sale webpage](#).

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of active buyers only continue to increase in the months ahead.

The steady decrease in available home inventory we saw this winter is consistent with the seasonal trends of the Portland real estate market. The current low number of available homes has created the conditions for a hot market this season. We can expect further decreases in inventory until more new homes are added to the market later this Spring.

If you are planning to sell your home this year, now is the perfect time to list your home! The number of homes on the market that have had price drops has been steadily decreasing since December, along with the decline in inventory. In January, home prices (calculated by price per square ft.) began rising after a long period of slowly decreasing prices and continued to rise more significantly in the past two months.

Low market inventory and increased buyer traffic are currently creating more competition for available homes, which drives prices upward. Because I anticipate a higher number of active home buyers in tandem with an influx of new home listings in the Spring, we can expect prices to continue to rise through the Spring season.

It would be my pleasure to talk with you, walk through your home and suggest what would give you the most for your investment. This is a very complicated market, I would love to help you through it. Don't hesitate to contact me at 503-706-6358 or jdempsey@windermere.com.

Buying a Home in a Shifting Real Estate Market

Saturday, April 20, 9:30-11 am, Symposium Coffee, 12345 SW Main St., Tigard, free, RSVP by calling/texting Marie Conser at 503-459-2726.

The housing market is constantly changing and this spring/summer promises to be very active! What does that mean for Home Buyers? This free Home Buyer Class is designed to unlock your path to homeownership. Join us for this free event with local experts sharing essential knowledge and resources to navigate the home buying process with confidence. We will walk you through proven steps for a successful purchase, discuss the current market trends, and answer your questions. Join Sr Mortgage Advisor Tim McBratney (PacRes Mortgage, NMLS 133935), local Insurance Agent, Dave Snyder (American Family Insurance), and me, Marie Conser.

Marie Conser, Oregon Principal Broker serving the Cedar Mill area, John L. Scott Real Estate.

Bethany Village Commercial Space Available

Exciting opportunity alert! Interested in joining the community at Bethany Village? We have a 270 sq ft micro-retail space available now, located right in the heart of the Village between The Tailor Shop and Cup & Cone. Get in touch with Brady via email at propertymanagement@central-bethany.com, call 503-906-5787, or simply submit your request through the Bethany Village website. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Arts & Entertainment

Village Gallery April News

For more details about classes and events please visit the [VGA website](#).

April Awards Show & Art Chat

Sunday, April 14, 3-5 pm

We welcome Jung Soo Pak as our Juror for this show. Join us for an afternoon of art and meet the juror, see the awards, talk with the artists, and enjoy the new show and refreshments!

Big and Bold Artist: Vanaja Mulagada

"Go Green" is a captivating, detailed, watercolor portrayal of succulent plants, inspired by a local grocery store's nursery. The artist intends this work to serve as a reminder to embrace nature, and a prompt for us all to adopt a greener, more mindful lifestyle. 19"x 25"; watercolor.



Art Dollars for Scholars Community Show

Art due May 5 or before; show runs May 2-June 7

Anyone may enter this show. Sign up now! Like last year, adult entry fees are \$15 for each 10"x10" wood panel. Each youth participant (18 & younger) will be given one free 6"x6" stretched canvas. Youth entrants preferring a 10" square wood panel may purchase one. For prospectus with all the details and important dates, please [visit our website](#).

VGA Open Studio for members and the public

Tuesday May 7, 10 am-12 pm

Come with your art materials and join other artists in pursuing their individual projects. Nominal fee of \$2/person. Please RSVP to support@villagegalleryarts.org.

Children's Classes, ages 7-11 yrs, VGA Instructional Team

Join an exciting class learning a variety of art forms! A team of rotating instructors provides a chance to explore a variety of media and approaches while building artistic concepts and skills. All supplies included.

Thursdays in April, 3:45-5:15 pm, max 8 students

Projects include: Zentangle Method, Square Acrylic Painting,

Sand Sketching, Watercolor Boats & Birds.

Adult Classes

Seagrass & Seashells, Coiling & Knotless Netting on a Gourd with Jane A. Wilson

Saturday, April 13; 9:30 am-4:30 pm (30 min lunch break), max 12 students

Learn to coil, a basket weaving technique, using seagrass and waxed linen thread on the rim of a precut gourd, then drop down to the body of the gourd and cover with knotless netting. Lash wool roving to the rim and embellish with pre-drilled seashells and beads. You should be able to finish this project in class. No weaving experience is required.

Introduction to Basket Weaving with Diane Shingledecker

Thursdays, April 18, 25, May 2; 9:30 am-12 pm, max 8 students

Explore the basics of weaving a simple basket by creating a Sally Bag with a simple two-color pattern. Finish this in time to give as a unique Mother's Day gift! This class will cover weaving a round base, single twining, double twining with two colors, and finishing a rim.

Insomnia Artist of the Month

April, Insomnia Coffee, 12535 NW Cornell Rd

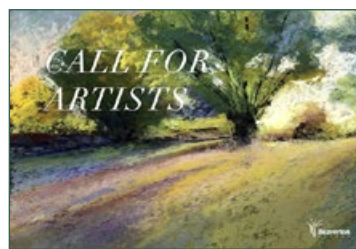
Each month we feature a different local artist at each Insomnia cafe. Are you interested in displaying your art in an Insomnia cafe? [Click here to get the process started!](#)

We also host Saturday pop-ups. [Visit this page for more information!](#)

Reser Call for Artists, The Curio

Zoom Application Sessions: Friday, April 12, 1 pm / Friday, April 26, 2 pm.

The Patricia Reser Center for the Arts in partnership with The City of Beaverton / Beaverton Arts Market announces a call for artists for its second annual exhibition and sale, "The Curio." Visual artists in Oregon and Washington are invited to apply. The focus of the exhibition and sale is on original works of art, small gifts, and artist reproductions. To be considered, artists must have



a strong body of work, demonstrate superior craftsmanship, and have a considerable inventory with multiple pieces available for sale. Please note, we will not be featuring holiday specific items in this exhibition.

Artists interested in applying to The Curio must [submit their application through submittable](#) by Sunday, May 5. A selection process will follow, and artists will be notified. For more information on eligibility, acceptable media, submission guidelines, and fees, please [see the full prospectus](#).

For more information about the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts, programming, gallery, and performance season lineup, visit [thereser.org](#). For more information about the City of Beaverton Arts Program, please visit [BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts](#).

Catlin Gabel Community Arts Programs

April 1 - May 31

When Catlin Gabel acquired the OCAC campus in 2019, we committed to continue the community arts legacy of the college. We now offer a range of arts classes to adults,

from those wanting to explore their talents to those who are looking to refine their skills. [We invite you to explore and sign up](#). Offerings include classes in Book Arts, Calligraphy, Painting, and Ceramics.

36th Annual Herzog-Meier Senior Art Scholarship Show

April 21-27, Herzog-Meier Showroom, 4275 SW 139th Way, Beaverton

In partnership with the Beaver-

ton Education Foundation (BEF), the 36th Annual Herzog-Meier Senior Art Scholarship Show will feature more than 200 juried art submissions from every Beaverton area public high school. One scholarship will be awarded per school, with all participants being celebrated at a reception on Wednesday, April 24, from 5-6:30 pm at the (4275 SW 139th Way) in Beaverton.

A \$5,000 grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County in association with the Oregon Cultural Trust, will provide art supplies to help seniors at every high school prepare submissions to the Herzog-Meier Show.

Learn more about [BEF's impact in our 2022-2023 Impact Report](#).

Down Syndrome Achievement Center Coming Soon!

Saturday, June 15, 11 am-1 pm, Mary S. Young Park

The Portland team for GiGi's Playhouse is bringing an achievement center for individuals with Down syndrome and others with similar challenges to Portland in the summer of 2024. The "GiGiFIT Acceptance Challenge" aims to raise awareness about Down syndrome, its impact on families, and the valuable services GiGi's Playhouse will offer in the Northwest.

The funds raised will help open the doors to GiGi's Playhouse Portland, providing free therapeutic, educational, and vocational services to individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Through events like the GiGiFIT Acceptance Challenge, the Playhouse aims to promote inclusivity and foster connections within the community.

Event organizers are seeking vendors and sponsors to participate in the Challenge. Vendors will have the opportunity to showcase family-friendly products or services and engage attendees with carnival-style games. To become a sponsor, visit the [GiGi's Playhouse Portland website](#). For more information, [contact us](#).



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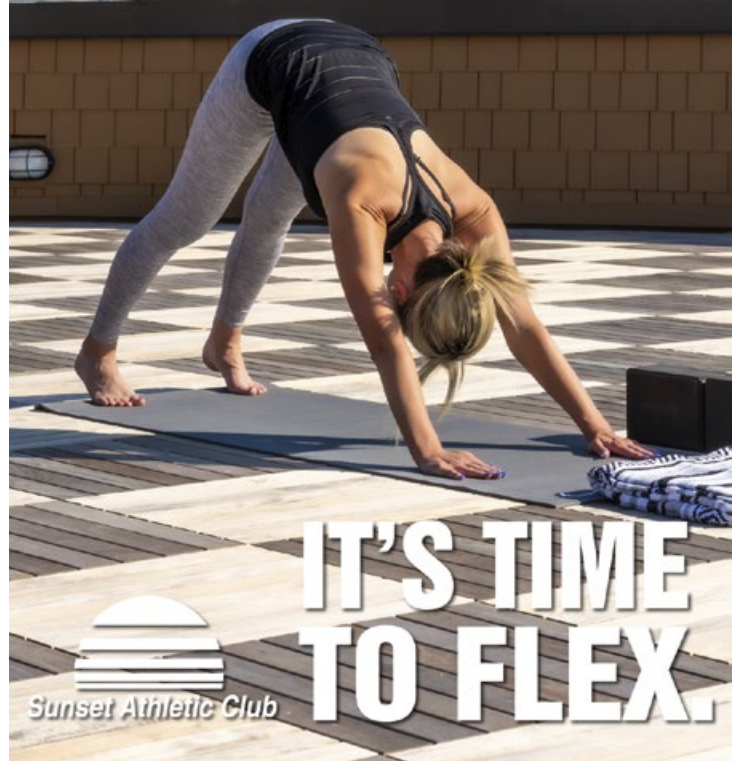
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