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# Cedar Mill News

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## A neighbor joins the Space Force!

Erin Palmer, owner of The Wine Cellar in Cedar Mill, posted proudly on Facebook that her son was accepted into the [Space Force](#), so we had to learn more! Dallas Ransom grew up in the area, attending Rock Creek, Stoller, and Westview, before he went to OSU. We asked him a few questions and he provided this great information!



First, what exactly is the Space Force?

A lot of people see the military as an aggressive force. A lot of what the military does is provide protection, strengthen infrastructure, and engage in global welfare missions. The Space Force is no different. When people hear about the military in space, they put connotations on that. The Space Force was created to protect our, and our allies', assets in space. Not all countries align with us, nor do they want the best for everyone else. Our mission is to protect space assets for the betterment of all. Some examples of space assets would be GPS satellites, Starlink, geospatial weather satellites, and many more.

How did you get into Space Force? I don't know much about it, but I assume you were in the Air Force previously?

I joined Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) in my sophomore year of college at Oregon State University. I went through this program for a total of four years, graduating college and commissioning as a second lieutenant. At the beginning of my fourth year in the program, I was given the opportunity to apply for selection into the Space Force. Roughly a third of the applicants for Space Force commission were selected. Did anything you studied while you were in school here help you decide to pursue this?

Space is the next frontier. My grandfather served in the Air Force

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## Development News

### Sunset Athletic Club's new facility is coming along!

[77 Fitness, the new three-story fitness-focused facility being developed by Sunset Athletic Club](#) is going up fast. Chuck Richards, club owner, says if everything goes as planned, it will open as soon as mid-winter. "The shell should be complete by September. Then we'll work on finishing the interior," he says.

[Robertson & Olson](#) is the contractor who is building this and the rest of the new Milltown center. [Tiland/Schmidt](#) did the architectural work. The north side of the second floor opens onto the upper parking lot, and the third floor includes a penthouse social area with an open-air deck. Chuck mentions that the view from there is wonderful!

In addition to a variety of fitness areas, including group exercise, training, and a large barre and yoga room, the facility has childcare and multiple social areas including the second-floor sports screen lounge.

Membership in [Sunset Athletic Club](#) includes access to the building and all its amenities. It's designed for adult fitness (16+). Kids' activities, swimming, and sports courts will remain in the existing building across from Sunset High. "We've actually seen an uptick in membership recently," Richards notes. "Now that we're gradually opening back up—we're at about 75% of capacity now—we're seeing most of our members coming back and new people coming for tours."

**Dinihanian Farm update**  
[Neighbors in Oak Hills and nearby apartments have been concerned](#) about the overgrowth of

blackberries and other weeds and the presence of homeless camps on



The facade of the Sunset Athletic "77 Fitness" facility as seen from Cornell. Photo by John Ramey.

the property on Cornell that used to include the "Your CSA Farm Market." The property encompasses about 38.5 acres, with about 34-36 acres of buildable land. It is zoned R-15 and R-9 (15 and 9 dwellings per acre).

Dinihanian Floral Products still grows holly there and had their holiday greenery sale last December. It is currently jointly owned by members of the Dinihanian family.

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## Road News

### Ridge/McDaniel gate update

We checked with Land Use and Transportation about whether a decision has been reached to open the fire gate between McDaniel Road



*The gate has been closed since the road and subdivision were built. The county's traffic engineer is reviewing whether it would be safe to open it to traffic.*

and Ridge Road. [Neighbors had a range of opinions on it.](#)

Melissa De Lyser, Public Affairs and Communications Manager, says, "The decision to remove the fire gate is an administrative one. The decision will be made by the County Engineer based on a determination that the intersection

meets applicable safety standards. The County Engineer has begun the necessary review of relevant safety standards and sight distance information. We do not have a completion date yet."

### Laidlaw road closure

July 6-19, 2021

A culvert project for new construction will close NW Laidlaw Rd. between NW Saltzman Rd. and NW 124th.

NW Saltzman Rd. and NW Thompson Rd. will serve as detour routes. Local access for residents will be available.

### Maintenance and mowing on our roads

With fire safety on everyone's mind lately, we asked about how the county schedules mowing in medians and roadsides. Some tall dry grass in the median of Cornell

prompted us to ask whether it was on the [county's list of regular maintenance](#). Turned out that it is, but we took an additional step of filling out a [form on the county website to request service](#).

Anyone can use the form to notify the county of problems in and near roads, including potholes, dangerous debris or dead animals, flooding, buckling, or any other road hazard that they may not be aware of.

### Kenny Terrace bike-ped and widening

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) discussed options during a [Work Session in February](#), and neighbors have been concerned that a decision was made at that meeting [about the plan](#). No decision has been made and no meeting has been scheduled at press time.

The issues include how many trees will be cut to provide for wider sidewalks, where the sidewalk will

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# Cedar Mill Business Roundup

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

## CMBA July meeting

Tuesday, July 13, noon, via Zoom

The Cedar Mill Business Association continues our Monthly Speaker/Networking meetings online! Our speaker this month is Lety Juarez-Sisson with [Badass Bitch PR](#). She will discuss how PR is still a vital tool in your promo arsenal and answer any questions you may have about how it (or any other forms of promotion) may benefit you.

CMBA Members will receive the Zoom link through our Monthly E-Blast, so stay tuned. We invite guests to two free meetings at no charge. Please contact our admin Tammy at [admin@cedarmillbiz.com](mailto:admin@cedarmillbiz.com) to receive the link to meeting information. For more information, about the Cedar Mill Business Association, please [visit our website](#).

## Grab a bargain, donate unneeded stuff, and help Habitat build homes

Habitat for Humanity Portland Region ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, home decor, appliances, building materials and more at discounted prices. Every donation, every ReStore purchase helps fund local Habitat homebuilding programs. Together, we're helping to make the dream of homeownership a reality for hardworking families right here in our community.

Visit one of our four locations in Beaverton, Gresham, Portland, and Vancouver on Wednesday through Mondays, from 10 am to 6 pm. We

accept donations until 5:45 pm. We are closed on Tuesdays. For more information or to shop online, check out [www.pdxrestore.org](http://www.pdxrestore.org). Join us by to shopping, donating, and volunteering to make a difference!

## Discover Sunset Credit Union this summer

Various Saturdays, 1100 NW Murray

Maybe you've seen them around the area. Maybe your family or friend belongs to it. Or maybe you've always wondered why so many Washington County residents think Sunset Credit Union is the best financial institution in the area. Whatever way you've seen or heard about Sunset Credit Union, you can meet them, learn more about this not-for-profit financial institution, and win prizes.

On various Saturdays this summer, they'll be hosting a table in front of their building (across Murray from Safeway and the Farmers Market) where you can learn about their products and services including specially designed kids and teens accounts, money-making Certificate of Deposits and their unique mortgage and home equity loans. In addition to answering questions, visitors will have the opportunity to spin a wheel loaded with prizes.

To find out which Saturdays they'll be giving away prizes, [visit their Facebook](#) page. Everyone is welcome, so bring the kids and neighbors and find out why thousands of Washington County residents have chosen Sunset Credit Union as their financial institution.

Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Washington County. For more information or to get a pre-approved auto loan, stop by their office or visit their website: [sspfcu.com](http://sspfcu.com)

## Village Gallery News

Gallery Hours: Thursdays-Saturdays, 10 am-4 pm and Sunday, 12-3 pm, 1060 NW Saltzman

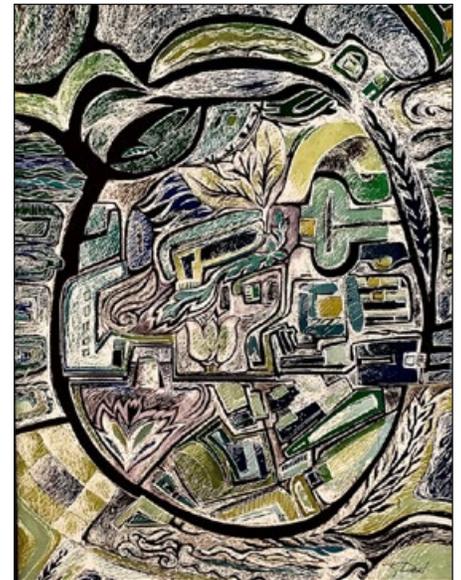
Please [check our website](#) when making your plans—hours will continue to expand as COVID-19 restrictions ease. Additionally, we have a new Summer Show video! The video is now on the home page of our website and [Facebook](#).

Our mission is "to ignite the joy of learning, creating, and appreciating art in our community. We support professional and emerging

artists by providing high quality affordable art education to children and adults as well as providing venues for sharing their work." Village Gallery of Arts is a non-profit (501c3) organization, receives no taxpayer money, and is staffed entirely by member volunteers.

## Featured Artist for July: Kathy Deal:

Most of my work is intuitive and drawn from whatever inspires me: perhaps a memory, musical piece, song, poem, color, or the dynamic spirit of nature. I hope you enjoy my explorations as much as I do. Mixed media.



Mixed media by Kathy Deal, featured artist.

## Project Art Share 2021 Outcome:

We had wonderful results with our second call to artists for donations of artwork to Project Art Share! 14 artists contributed 66 paintings in all sizes and media. This time, half of these pieces went to the Aloha Food Pantry, and the other half was donated to the Linton Community Center Food Bank in Northwest Portland. Both were very excited to accept the art donations. Many thanks to the volunteers who picked up (and delivered the art) and to the artists who donated their work. Please [see our website](#) for more details about this community outreach project.

## Adult Classes and Workshops

Masks and social distancing are required as COVID-19 precautions for in-person classes. Please [see our website](#) for up to date COVID-19 requirements, details, and online registration. Unless otherwise noted, classes are at the gallery, at 1060 NW Saltzman.

**Jean Anderson: Fun, Not Fear with Plein Air**  
Friday, July 23, 9:30 am-noon.  
Maximum of seven students per class. One-session class. No experience needed.

Plein air is not about painting the world's greatest painting—rather, it is about the experience. This class is to get over the fear everyone feels when they first think about painting plein air. I'll guide everyone through what to bring,

how to pick a site, subjects, and what to do when you get there. We will meet at the Gallery before going to a site close by. A supply list will be provided after registration; I am flexible about supplies.

**Kim Black: Pine Needle Basketry**  
Saturday, July 24, 8:45 am-2:45 pm.  
Maximum of ten students per class.

This one-day class will cover instruction in beginning pine needle basketry skills. Students will start from a wood base and complete a four-inch dish using two stitches. Material preparation will also be covered. It is a fun way to spend a day learning something new. All supplies are provided by instructor. Bring your lunch.



Little Chickens by Jean Anderson

**Jean Anderson: Little Chickens for Big Impact**  
Monday, July 26, 10am-noon  
Maximum of seven students per class. One-session class.

Chickens can add so much to landscape paintings, doodles, and more! We will learn how to quickly and easily paint little chickens. Normal painting supplies in any medium works fine.

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### CPO 1 News

## No July or August meetings

We normally take a month off in August and advise our members to participate in [National Night Out](#) instead. Because of difficulty scheduling our program, we're not going to meet in July either. We're putting together a selection of great topics for the September 14 meeting, so we'll see you then.

## Neighborhood meetings

### CUMC affordable housing

Wednesday, July 7, 6 pm, Christ United Methodist Church Sanctuary Room, 12755 NW Dogwood Street (masks required)



Floor plan for the second floor of the building.

Cascadia Planning + Development Services is representing the developer of the property at 985 and 1035 NW Saltzman Road. The developer is proposing a 54-unit retirement housing community on the site. Prior to submitting a land use application to the county, they wish to discuss the proposal with the community.

[We wrote about the development](#) in February 2021. In May, Christ United Methodist Church was notified that the [\\$5.4 million housing bond from local government entity Metro was granted for the project](#). It was the last piece of funding the church needed to secure to get to work on its \$15 million Saltzman Road Apartment Complex.

Neighborhood meetings are open to all interested. Notice is provided to nearby neighbors and to the CPO. It's a great time for everyone to learn more, ask questions, and bring up issues that may affect the development.

## Estates at Leahy Park Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, July 12, 6 pm, [via Microsoft Teams](#)

[Pioneer Design Group, Inc.](#) is representing the developer of property at 10345 and 10405 NW Leahy Road in Washington County's R-5 (5 residential lots per acres) zoning.

The developer is considering a proposal for a 15-lot subdivision for single-family detached homes, in addition to the retention of the home at 10345 NW Leahy on a large lot.

Prior to applying to the Washington County department of Land Use & Transportation, they would like to discuss the proposal in more detail with the neighbors. Please note this meeting will be an informational meeting on preliminary development plans. These plans may be altered prior to submittal.

The existing dwelling at 10345 NW Leahy will be demolished or otherwise removed. Individual lots will be accessed via a new internal street access, which is proposed as a private street to allow for increased preservation of significant natural resources adjacent

to NW Leahy Road. North of the resource area, the new private street will allow for parking on both sides of the street. A vehicle turnaround is located at the terminus of the private street, and sidewalks will connect the new homes to Leahy Road.



Only a portion of the entire lot will be proposed to be developed.

The surrounding zoning in all directions from the subject site is R-5. While the site measures approximately 8.06 acres, when excluding the proposed area for 10405 NW Leahy, and the significant natural resource areas, the remaining development site is approximately 3.1 acres. The minimum density is 12 units, and the maximum is 16.



Accordingly, the 15 lots proposed are within the density requirements for the site.

Stormwater runoff from the development will be managed on-site in accordance with Clean Water Services' requirements, with a stormwater management facility located within Tract A.

All interested parties are invited to join the virtual meeting. Due to the nature of a virtual meeting, we will have limited opportunity to respond to live questions. After reviewing these materials, if you have questions you would like answered during the meeting, please send an email to [whayson@pd-grp.com](mailto:whayson@pd-grp.com). All questions received prior to 4 pm on July 12 will be answered during the meeting.

### Damascus Street subdivision

A virtual Neighborhood Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 30 for a proposed four-lot subdivision



at the west end of Damascus St. The .78-acre lot is somewhat steep, and the homes will be accessed by a private drive up the middle, with a

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**School News**

**Possible future bond funding for BSD**

In June the Land Use & Housing Committee of the [Westside Economic Alliance](#) met virtually with the Beaverton School District’s (BSD) Steven Sparks, Executive Administrator for Long Range Planning, who provided an update on the district’s Long-Range Facility Plan.

This plan looks at future BSD needs. Two big ticket items in the plan are the replacement of Beaverton High School, which is 105 years old, and Raleigh Hills Elementary, which is 93 years old.

Beaverton High has faced numerous challenges, including starting the school year with a fire, and in 2018, when dangerous cracks found in the roof supports of the gym nearly resulted in condemnation.

The district has identified more than \$610 million in deferred maintenance needs across the school district, including \$268 million in seismic deficiencies. There are 10 schools that fall into the worst seismic category.

To pay for this, BSD will likely turn to voters to ask for either a renewal of its current bond measure or a \$0.25 per \$1,000 increase.

To read more, [see Sparks’ slide deck](#)

**ACMA will welcome students back this fall**

Arts & Communications Magnet Academy students have been using the new middle school building in Cedar Mill while their school was being completely rebuilt. They’re currently moving equipment to the [new Center Street building in Beaverton](#) in anticipation of fall classes.

**Tumwater Middle School ready for students**

After serving as a “swing school” for several BSD school populations whose schools were either being rebuilt or remodeled, the time has finally come for the newly-named school (Tumwater means waterfall in the Chinook jargon native language) to welcome middle school age kids. [New boundaries were set late last year](#), following a public-involvement process.

**BSD 2021 parent survey**

BSD received more than 5,700 responses to the 2021 Parent Survey—this is an increase of more than 40% from 2019. In this year’s survey, 76% of parents reported being confident in their ability to support their child’s learning at home. District-level results for the survey are posted on the [Research & Reports webpage](#).

**Summer bike rodeos**

**Wednesdays, July 7-August 4, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, various high schools.**

Join Safe Routes to School on Wednesdays this summer at one of BSD’s high school meal program sites. BSD will provide bike tune-ups, helmets for those who need them, and a fun safety/skills course. All ages are welcome at this [free community event](#). Some dates and event locations are:

- July 7 at Beaverton High School
- July 28 at Sunset High School
- August 4 at Westview High School

Visit the summer bike rodeo webpage for more information.

**Parenting in the Digital Age: Keeping Kids Safe Online**

Wednesday, July 14, 7-8 pm, free

Do you know what warning signs to look for these days with our kids online on many devices? Are you concerned about how your kids are interacting in the virtual world? In this interactive virtual session you will learn tips to help keep your kids safe online.

Washington County Kids bring us this program by Kody J.L.Harris, Community Education and Outreach Specialist from the Washington County Sheriff’s Office. Topics include setting boundaries, identifying potential problems, and engaging in positive conversations with your kids.

Register for the session on [Eventbrite](#). Learn more about [Washington County Kids](#) here.

**Sunset HS Marching Band Can & Bottle Drive**

**Saturday, July 10, 10 am-1 pm, old Bales Thriftway parking lot, 12847 NW Cornell Rd.**

We are currently taking your drop offs “curbside,” bring us your deposit bottles & cans! If you picked up Green bags from us last time, please fill and bring them back to us! If you have more bags than will fit in your car, please email us at [samba@sambanote.org](mailto:samba@sambanote.org).

## BSD teachers keep art alive during the pandemic

by Vicky Siah

Art can be exuberant, raging, tranquil: the way we express ourselves through media belies our deepest loves, desires, and fears. In this sense, the fine arts are an escape from the monotony of everyday life, allowing us to find ourselves and examine the world as we feel it.

Amidst a global pandemic, self-expression—art—becomes necessary for the wellbeing of students. Yet art classes are reliant on equipment, supplies, and synchronous education, all of which are components of in-person education. These requirements became obstacles to overcome in the shift to remote learning, and to preserve the normalcy of art education, visual arts teachers from the Beaverton School District worked to adapt their classes for online and hybrid models. The effort and sacrifices they made to ensure student success defined education during COVID-19 and injected positivity through turbulent times.

At Sunset, art teacher Aubrey Park assembled art kits and distributed them to students in her classes. These kits included basic and specialized art materials (such as Micron pens, colored pencils, paint, brushes, a sketchbook) for students in comprehensive distance learning (CDL). Ceramics classes districtwide provided clay and clay supplies—recognizing that students could not access traditional apparatus, teachers brainstormed household alternatives. Throughout Maureen Merritt’s ceramics sessions, Westview CDL students used fishing line and wire in lieu of clay cutters; spoons were substitutes for loop and ribbon tools. Merritt hosted daily Zoom meetings to teach students techniques, guide their work, and provide constructive feedback.

They also set traditions to bridge the divide that accompanies online learning: Mountainside

High School’s Tamara Ottum made slideshows of student projects to cultivate a spirit of togetherness. “The work would be anonymous, and every student was asked to type an appreciation into the chat. We would have ‘waterfalls’ of compliments. It helped create community, celebrated work in an online format, and was by far the best part of my year,” writes Ottum.

Outside of regular class periods, these teachers found other ways to encourage student success. Park and Ottum recorded video tutorials covering projects and technical instruction. At Westview, Merritt dedicated her after-school hours



Vicky Siah and her favorite art teacher, Maureen Merritt. Photo credit to Ian Siah.

to parent-student check-ins, opened her classroom for student work time, and stayed until late afternoons firing students’ ceramic pieces.

Such changes helped BSD’s art students explore their creativity in an unprecedented year.

By the end of each quarter, they had produced artwork ranging from teapots and rattles to paintings and sculptures.

When conversing with Park, Ottum, and Merritt, their passion for fine arts is immediately obvious. “Art is about human expression and what it means to be a person,” Merritt says.

“Who are you?” is a difficult question to answer, but through art, we can find ourselves.” While assignments and art styles vary, self-discovery

is a common theme in BSD’s high school art classes. For Merritt, art is a lens to interpret her environment—her personal work combines lithography, photography, painting, and ceramics—and giving students

the freedom to explore is key. “Each piece is a reflection of the person who makes it,” she notes, “and if they love what they’re doing, you can see it in their art.”

Park’s classes also emphasize creative freedom, and she views art as “a tool that allows young people to speak up to what matters to them.” Through teaching, she seeks to magnify voices and students’ individuality.

The level of care that Beaverton art teachers put into their jobs does not go unnoticed—many students comment that their classes with Park, Ottum, and Merritt were “the best they have ever had.” These teachers leave a lasting impact on their students’ high school experiences, and for the BSD class of 2021, their kindness lives in graduates’ memories as they embark on their post-high school plans.

Every school year ends with the annual Herzog-Meier Senior Art Scholarship Show, which serves as the final milestone for the art department’s graduating BSD seniors. Here, BSD teachers work with Beaverton partners to display student art to the community, and in 2020-2021, the art show was once again held in-person. “Creativity and innovation utilized in the artistic process, and demonstrated by our Beaverton students, will continue to be valued by employers like us,” remarked Tom Herzog of Herzog-Meier Auto Center, and this year, Beaverton residents celebrated the resiliency of the BSD’s art departments. Examining Herzog-Meier’s student art gallery, families, teachers, and other community members united to appreciate a beauty that grew despite a global crisis.

No matter what challenges the coming year brings, the Beaverton School District is very fortunate to have excellent teachers to educate the next generation of artistically-minded individuals. These teachers have done the near-impossible: they changed the trajectory of an uncertain year, bringing a beacon of light into their students’ lives.



Tamara Ottum, Tom Herzog, and Kristine Baggett (Executive Director of the BEF) at the Herzog-Meier Senior Art Scholarship Show. Photo credit to Ian Siah.

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Road News, continued from page 1 go (curb-tight by the street or separated by trees and planting), and whether a turn lane is necessary for the length of the road. CPO 7 leader Mary Manseau notes, “Sidewalk standards have changed to six-foot since the original five-foot sidewalks were constructed. The recognition of the need for wider sidewalks was identified by the commissioners because of the location of the school, the location of the neighborhood



center and the plans for a THPRD park on the SW corner of Saltzman and Thompson.” She says the neighborhood controversy could have been avoided if another advisory group had been formed. (Recommendations from a 2002 Advisory Group were rejected by Commissioners because of the cost.)

We’ll keep an eye on this and let people know when a recommendation will be brought to BCC for a decision.

### Walker/Murray intersection project

The [intersection of Murray and Walker](#) will be widened to include dual left turn lanes and dedicated right turn lanes on all four approaches at the intersection. A third southbound through lane will also be added to Murray Boulevard from south of Butner Road through the Walker Road intersection. The additional through lane will become a dedicated right turn lane at the entrance to the Nike campus at Bowerman Drive, south of the intersection.

[Construction is now expected to begin in October 2021.](#)

### ODOT News

#### Night paving on Sunset Highway

ODOT is working throughout the summer and fall to [improve approximately six miles of US 26 \(Sunset Highway\)](#) by repaving in both directions from Cornell

Road to the Sylvan interchange, including several on- and off-ramps.

We are also repairing bridges and bridge joints in the project. Curb ramps at each repaved on- and off-ramp will also be upgraded to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Nighttime construction work and traffic impacts can take place on any night, but will mostly follow a Sunday through Thursday schedule, in addition to ongoing curb ramp work during the day. Bridge work will start in August, and the project team will begin striping the roadway in September.

To maintain a safe work zone for travelers and construction crews during construction, travel lanes and segments of US 26 and on- and off-ramps will close to traffic on various nights. Traffic control with signed detour routes will be provided. Expect traffic delays.

Traffic impacts during construction include: Nighttime full closures of US 26 at interchanges within the project corridor. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent on- and off-ramps; Nighttime single and double lane closures on US 26. Single lane closures will begin as early as 8:30 pm and double lanes as early



as 10 pm All lanes will open by 5:30 am weekdays (later on weekends); Nighttime lane closures and full closures of on- and off-ramps in the project area. These can happen as early as 9 pm, open by 5 am (later on weekends). Lane closures on local streets, sidewalk closures and temporary ADA-accessible pedestrian detours where on- and off-ramps meet local streets.

### Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Funding Program

The Oregon Transportation Commission approved \$55 million for strategic pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements in the [2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program \(STIP\)](#). This is part of a \$255 million investment in the [Public and Active Transportation Program](#).

### 2021-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Learn about future investments in congestion relief and freight mobility projects [on this website](#).

### Legislative update

#### Virtual Town Hall

Monday, July 19, 5:30-6:30 pm, registration required. [Register here](#).

Join Senator Steiner Hayward, Representative Dexter, and Rep-



Rep. Dexter, Rep. Helm, Sen. Steiner Hayward

representative Helm to ask questions about the 2021 session and discuss what’s next on the political calendar.

#### Session wrap from Rep. Dexter

With the legislative session behind us, I want to highlight some of the significant bills passed this session. Please note that by no means is this a comprehensive list of all the bills passed, rather some of the bills that stood out as especially mention-worthy.

#### HB 3073 Addressing the Child Care Crisis

Childcare is essential infrastructure for an equitable economic recovery. HB 3073 will respond to the state’s child care crisis and

provide immediate and long-term relief to the state’s most vulnerable families in need of child care by establishing the Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC) as an independent agency, incorporating and making reforms to the state’s child

care subsidy program—Employment Related Day Care (ERDC)—to create more financial stability for providers and parents. This bill was passed with broad bipartisan support.

#### HB 3352 Cover All People

Health care is a human right. Making sure all Oregonians are covered, regardless of immigration status, will drive down costs and give people the preventative care they need. Cover All People will make health care coverage

available to people who are today only eligible for expensive, federally mandated emergency care: low-income Oregonians who are DACA recipients, legal permanent residents, young adults who age out of Cover All Kids, undocumented pregnant women, and other adults. I am proud to have been a co-chief sponsor on the bill.

#### Mental and Behavioral Health Package

The House passed a slew of bills that will address our state’s growing mental health crisis. The past year—between the economic recession, housing crisis, and pandemic—has been traumatic and people urgently need support. This investment will diversify our mental health workforce pipeline and focus on retaining talent; provide accessible, affordable, culturally-specific and adequate care for all Oregonians and especially low-income and BIPOC communities; and give Oregonians the care they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

#### HB 2544 Support for Unaccompanied & Unhoused Youth.

All youth need to feel safe and secure. HB 2544 will add \$3.6 million to support services to unaccompanied and unhoused youth. This bill passed unanimously and creates two programs through the Department of Human Services (DHS) that will help fund community organizations providing unaccompanied and unhoused youth with resources and access to shelter, culturally-responsive services, mental health and substance use support, tutoring, and nutrition services that will help youth earn a diploma.

#### HB 2021 100% Clean Energy Bill.

This bill will help to create living wage jobs and target investments in community-based renewable energy projects as we transition to 100% clean energy by 2040. The focus is local. HB 2021 will fund and support small-scale, community-based energy projects through a Community Renewable Investment Fund of \$50 million that increases disaster resilience and prioritizes rural, coastal, low-income, and BIPOC communities.

CPO News, continued from page 3 sidewalk that could provide pedestrian access to the lot to the north should that ever be developed. Neighbors asked about the existing trees, stormwater runoff, and other issues. The property is zoned R-6 which would call for a minimum density of four lots and a maximum density of five.

## CPO 1 June Meeting Summary

Vicky Siah & Bruce Bartlett

Chair Virginia Bruce opened the June 8 CPO 1 meeting with an introduction to “buy nothing” groups on Facebook. A post on “Buy Nothing Northwest Heights/Bonny Slope, NW Portland” is looking for unopened women’s hygiene products to support an array of women’s shelters in the region. Buy Nothing groups in the area include [Northwest Heights/Bonny Slope](#) and [Cedar Hills/Cedar Mill](#). Residents are assigned to the correct group by the admins.

Chair Bruce mentioned the Washington County Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) Code and Ordinance Subcommittee which holds meetings at 4 pm on the second Wednesday of each month with the quintessential objective of introducing community-oriented changes to the [Community Development Code](#). If you are interested in participating in this subcommittee, please contact Mary Manseau at [marymanseau@gmail.com](mailto:marymanseau@gmail.com)

Karen Debaker and Shannon Huggins provided a spotlight presentation on [Clean Water Services](#) (CWS). CWS is a public water

resources utility that is nationally recognized for its pioneering advancements in sewage treatment technology, environmental education, business process reengineering, resource recovery, surface water management, Tualatin River flow management, and regulatory compliance.

### [Phosphorus Recovery](#)

processes were developed by CWS, reducing the phosphorus load in the waste stream, and making it commercially available.

They are proposing a modest rate increase in water rates, noting that rates were not raised in 2020 due to the pandemic. More information about the budget can be found on the [CleanWater Services website](#).

Bruce Bartlett, CPO 1 co-chair and current chair of the Washington County [Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District Advisory Committee \(ESPDAC\)](#), provided updates on the WCSO and the committee’s work. Topics that the ESPDAC discusses include whether to employ body-worn cameras on deputies, administration and patrol updates, rates of arrest by demographics, internal affairs such as [the Molina settlement](#), monitoring nuisance properties, and illegal parking in handicapped spaces. The committee meets bimonthly to review and offer recommendations on the level and

type of law enforcement strategies.

Bartlett continued with a summary of a presentation on domestic terrorism. There are approximately a dozen active highly-organized white supremacist and right-wing hate groups being monitored nationally and in our region, as well as



*Symbols of some of the right-wing groups active in Washington County*

the diffuse anti-fascist group “Antifa.” If residents see hate symbols around Washington County, they should report them to the Sheriff’s Office through the non-emergency number 503-629-0111.

For information on their policies and practices, the WCSO provides [public-facing documents here](#).

To conclude the meeting, Bartlett elaborated on changes in the US Postal Service. There are two support efforts in process: “Delivering for America” and H.R.3076/S.1720. The former refers to the USPS’ 10-Year Plan, and the latter is a federal bipartisan legislature effort to reform and enhance the USPS. Detailed information on these efforts can be found in the [June 2021 edition of Cedar Mill News](#).

All CPO 1 meetings are “simulcast” on our Facebook page. [Watch this meeting here](#).

and connect with my legislative work is through my [Facebook page](#), my [Twitter account](#), and my [Instagram](#). In addition, please feel free to reach out to my office at [Rep. MaxineDexter@OregonLegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.MaxineDexter@OregonLegislature.gov).

## Free summer events through THPRD

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) will host several free small-scale outdoor events this summer, including Hike & See Scavenger Hunts, Frozen and Superhero themed celebrations, guided walks, and more! These events will be held at various THPRD parks and will offer opportunities for both volunteering and participation. For a complete schedule and information, visit the [THPRD event webpage](#).



## Washington County Fair

Friday, July 23- Sunday, August 1, near 801 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro.

The Washington County Fair is coming back in 2021! Attractions and events will run during the fair’s opening hours. This annual fair is family friendly, and exact plans will develop based on COVID-19 Oregon Health Authority requirements. Applications are live now for fair vendors. More details will be available in the weeks to come. Updates and fair hours can be found at the fair website: [bigfairfun.com](http://bigfairfun.com)

## Pasifika Unity Festival

Saturday, August 7, 9 am-6 pm, Gordon Faber Recreation Complex/Ron Tonkin Field.

The first annual Pasifika Unity Festival is presented by Utopia PDX and the Oregon Pacific Islander Coalition. This free community event features two-time Grammy winner and Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award winner Kalani Pea. There will be a vaccination site, health and human services resources, food carts, and more. For more information, visit the Ka Aha Lāhui O Olekōna Hawaiian Civic Club of Oregon and SW Washington ([KALO HCC website](#)).

## Virtual Social Justice Camp for Youth

Tuesday, August 3-Friday, August 6, 11 am-12:30 pm, online. Registration required.

Funded by a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Sherwood, this online camp gives children the opportunity to learn about empathy and peace-building. Washington County youth coming into grades 3-5 are invited to participate in this free online Social Justice Camp, based on “Reading to Make a Difference: using literature to help students speak freely, think deeply, and take action,” by Lester L. Laminack and Katie Kelly. Each participant will receive a kit with a book, activities and crafts.

This camp is presented by Sherwood Public Library. [Register for a spot at the library website](#).

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[cedarmillnews.com](http://cedarmillnews.com)

**SB 762 Wildfire Recovery:** invests \$188 million in wildfire response and recovery efforts, coordinates a comprehensive statewide response to plan for and mitigate wildfires with a focus on community preparedness and public health, and updates building codes and safety standards for fire-hardened infrastructure. Since 2017 the state has spent over \$1.4 billion in fighting fires.

**SB 554 Safe Storage.** Requires gun owners to secure firearms with trigger or cable lock, in a locked container or in a gun room except in specified circumstances to reduce gun deaths.

**HB 5006 Community Investments** approved the community investments Representatives and Senators made with the federal funds we were allocated—\$4 Million per Senator and \$2M per

Representative—through the American Rescue Plan Act. I specifically contributed to five projects: the property acquisition fund for Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) to purchase a building for a community center in Washington County; to create a new Beaverton Homeless Shelter with a health clinic to provide care for houseless neighbors; the Beaverton Support Fund for Innovative Startups and Emerging Nonprofits; Central City Concern for a Clinical Respite Center in Portland; to Washington County for additional public restrooms in THPRD parks.

Washington County legislators coordinated our contributions and together funded over 21 projects in our districts.

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*Space Force, continued from page 1*  
in Vietnam and Korea and I wanted to follow in his footsteps with military service. The Space Force interested me because it is a new branch with a lot of opportunity for



Erin Palmer (mother), myself, Carl Moyer (father), Olivia Moyer (sister) (left to right)

growth. Like many military jobs are not combat related, a lot of Space Force jobs aren't space related. I will be doing cyber, which has a broad range of applications.

*Can you describe what your service has been like so far?*

I have not spent any time in active-duty military service at this

## Living bouquets in containers

by Margie Lachman

Annuals are satisfying because they give color all summer and fall. It is fun to buy new plants each spring with different color and texture combinations. Every spring it seems there are some new choices of annuals.

Because I have so many perennials and shrubs in my garden, I like to grow annuals in large containers—15-20 inches—because they don't dry out so quickly, and slugs have a harder time accessing them.

Also it is easier to groom them of faded flowers.

Big containers need lots of potting mix, which can get expensive year after year. To cut down on cost, I remove the top eight inches of soil, saving it. Then I spread the rest into the garden. I put the saved potting soil into the bottom of the pot and add new soil to top it off. Annuals have relatively shallow roots so there is no need to replace all the potting mix. Water retaining potting soil works well or add Soil Moist to your soil.

Before I plant them, I soak the starts in half-strength fish fertil-

time. I have just commissioned on June 12, indicating my entry into active duty. As for my time in ROTC, it was a path that offered me a lot of new experiences and has taught me a lot about myself. It has provided me with new and exciting opportunities, lifelong friends, and learning that you cannot experience anywhere else.

*What kind of training are you doing?*

For cyber selected officers you take part in a technical school that is at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. After that point, the training is dictated by the needs of the Space Force.

Have you chosen a particular career path?

In college, I studied Business Information Systems. The Air Force, and then the Space Force, selected me for cyber operations. I plan on serving with the Space Force and either staying in cyber or possibly cross training into a new specialty.

Containers four inches and larger can go in a bucket of diluted liquid fertilizer to cover the soil for 15 minutes. Flats of plants can be separated and soaked in small containers. This thorough wetting reduces transplant shock. I use Osmocote fertilizer for annuals, and then water as needed. Do not feed with an additional high-nitrogen fertilizer as this will promote attack from insects like geranium web worms. This has occurred in my plants! Use a 0-10-10 fertilizer to



Image from [Today's Homeowner](#)

promote flowers.

The past few years we have had temperatures up to 100° which is very stressful to the plants. This year I have shade cloth ready to cover the plants for protection until the heat wave is over. Keep the pots watered and remove spent flowers.

Each container can hold sev-

## Computer Science Workshops for Middle School Girls

### Unix Workshop

Thursdays, July 15 to August 12, 7-8:30 pm, free.

The Oregon Chapter of ProjectCSGirls, a program that works to close the gender gap in STEM careers by targeting interest in technology at an early age, will hold classes that will teach the basic Unix commands and have a brief introduction to Linux systems.

To learn more about ProjectCSGirls Portland Chapter, [check out their site](#). For any questions about the program or the workshop email [projectcsgirlsportland@gmail.com](mailto:projectcsgirlsportland@gmail.com). Sign up for the classes [with this form](#).

### Python Workshop

Tuesdays and Fridays, July 13 to August 13, 5:30-7 pm, via Zoom, free.

The Tech4Girls organization, a non-profit that works to close the gender gap in STEM careers by getting girls interested in coding during middle school, will run a five-week workshop for girls in the area to teach them the basics of a specific programming language. This year's language is Python!

For more information, [check out their flyer](#) or email [tech4girlspdx@gmail.com](mailto:tech4girlspdx@gmail.com). Sign up for the classes [with this form](#).

### Latte & Learn Series

Tuesday, July 27, 8:30 am, via Zoom, registration required

The Latte & Learn features Tualatin Valley Water District. Learn about water conservation for your business or property. [Register now!](#) And if you missed any Latte & Learn events, they're recorded and available to watch in the [Latte & Learn archives](#). Learn about transportation, school sustainability programs, safer cleaning products, and much more!

eral different annuals. Be sure you choose plants with similar water and light requirements. Geraniums and Lantana are two flowering plants that work well on my west-facing driveway.

If you choose a variety, your containers are like a big bouquet! They add visual impact to the summer garden. They are portable and can be placed wherever color is lacking.

Questions? Email me at [mar-gierose2@gmail.com](mailto:mar-gierose2@gmail.com) or call 503-645-2994 and leave a message..

Dev. News, continued from page 1

At one point, after ceasing the farming operations, Vahan Dinihanian was interested in developing part of his share. \



The blue area is the Dinihanian property. Zoning includes R-5, R-9, and R-15

Now, however, all owners just want to sell it. They are getting confusing messages from the court.

During the last CPO 1 meeting, we asked Deputy Rambin of Washington County Sheriff's Office if they were aware of the presence of homeless people on the property. He said they do patrol the area and have made arrests there for burglary and other crimes. This is private property so if an owner complains, WCSO can trespass the campers. But they do not clear camps routinely because there are few options for people experiencing homelessness.

They were told that they need to develop a Master Plan before it can be partitioned or sold, but other information leads them to believe that the opposite is true, and they are appealing the decision.

for his time on the Planning Commission, Commissioner Poddar objected. [Audio of the meetings is available here.](#) Commissioner Mills' resignation leaves [two open seats on the Commission](#) that should be appointed by the District 1 Board Member, Nafisa Fai.

### Washington County News

#### Conflict at WashCo Planning Commission

The [Washington County Planning Commission](#) is a volunteer committee that advises the elected Board of County Commissioners on land use and transportation issues. They conduct public hearings, make final decisions on some changes to land use plans, and convey recommendations to the Board on comprehensive plan and community development ordinances.

During a meeting earlier this year, Commission member Sushmita Poddar requested that Planning Commission include a "land acknowledgement" as part of the introduction to the meeting. This is a statement acknowledging that we are on land that originally belonged to native people. Initially this was met with agreement.

At a subsequent meeting, Commissioner Mark Havenar suggested that the meetings should include the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Poddar stated that was "insulting." When Commissioner Mills questioned why including the Pledge of Allegiance would be insulting, the conversation turned into ugly misunderstanding about citizenship.

Following this, Mills resigned from the Commission because of conflicts with his work schedule. When staff scheduled time to acknowledge Commissioner Mills

No fireworks ban for Washington County or nearby cities

Because of the extreme drought in Oregon, and recent high temperatures that dried out our vegetation, many people on social media were calling on Washington County to enact a ban on personal fireworks for the Fourth of July. However, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) and leaders in the cities and county agreed among themselves to issue strong statements advising against the use of fireworks but decided not to try for a ban.

[State regulations on fireworks are complex](#) (see item 4) and it almost sounds like they were written by the fireworks industry, since enacting any kind of ban is difficult and complicated. County Commissioner for our district, Pam Treece, agrees that Washington County should look into this for the future. How about a big public fireworks show at the County Fairgrounds?



Ask WCSO

#### STOP at 4 to save lives

"Stop at 4" is an ongoing safety campaign to educate families about children and window safety. Unfortunately, many don't realize the danger: In the U.S., 3,300 children age six and under fall from windows every year, and on average, eight children die each year. The goal of this campaign is to reduce the number of children who fall from windows by encouraging families to install child safety stops or guards on windows that pose a fall risk. These devices are different from window locks. Overall, here are some recommendations to keep kids safe around windows:

- Keep windows closed and locked when not in use.
- Move furniture or anything a child can climb on away from windows.
- Teach children to stay at least two steps away from windows—and enforce the rule.
- Do not open windows beyond four inches and install a window stop to keep children from opening them further. Be sure older children and adults can open them in an emergency.
- If you open windows more than four inches, install window guards with an emergency release device.
- Never move a child who appears to be seriously injured after a fall. Call 911 and let trained medical personnel move the child with proper precautions.

Learn more about STOP at 4, and get information about window stops and guards on the [program website](#).

Ask WCSO is produced by the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

#### Viva Village activities

Participate in Viva Village's July events! RSVP is recommended for all events by calling 503-746-5082 or emailing [vivavillageevents@gmail.com](mailto:vivavillageevents@gmail.com). More information regarding our events can be found at the [Viva Village calendar page](#) Online Viva Village 101 Saturday, July 10, 10-11:30 am

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

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## Impressions By Veronica Art Workshops

Prices include the cost of instruction and quality fine art materials. These classes are family-friendly: Thursday and Friday sessions are open to ages 8+ and Saturday is for ages 12+. [Learn more and sign up here.](#)

### Acrylics on Paper

Thursday, July 15, 9-12:30 pm, \$40

Create an acrylic masterpiece on special paper. Learn many tricks and techniques that can be applied to watercolor as well. We will create a beautiful landscape painting together!

### Ink and Watercolors

Thursday, July 15, 1-5 pm, \$50

Create an ink and watercolor masterpiece on special paper. You will receive instruction and materials to learn techniques that will make your watercolors “sing!” Be sure to wear art-friendly clothing as the ink is permanent.

### Paper Collage

Friday, July 16, 9 am-12:30 pm, \$40

Create a collage painting using various kinds of paper: including handmade paper, newspaper, and magazines. Your finished piece will be beautiful and worthy of hanging—Veronica’s easy step-by-step instructions make designing a beautiful collage possible.

### Acrylic on Leather

Friday, July 16, 1-5 pm, \$50

Create several acrylic masterpieces on leather. You will create usable art like bookmarks and wall hangings that are perfect for gift-giving.

### Leather Journal

Saturday, July 17, 9 am-12:30 pm, \$50

Create your own leather journal using quality materials that would cost much more to buy. Choose from a variety of metal findings and leather to personalize your journal.

## Experience Chalk Art in the making!

The nonprofit arts organization, [2D4D](#) has been collaborating with



partners across Beaverton and the Portland-metro area to coordinate art pop-ups as we enter into summer. This summer will see various chalk activities in front of businesses and inside parks as we all emerge from the monotonous quarantine of Coronavirus.

2D4D focuses on “bridging artists with non-arts industries to recognize that each supports the other,” says Board President, Raziah Roushan. “These pop-up and community exhibitions create ways for us to commission artists while bringing engaging happenings to people’s front door, quite literally.” Pop-ups through August are focusing on a theme of Reconnection and Emergence.

The artists involved come from many different backgrounds. For example, one of 2D4D’s artists, Brittany Resch, comes from the graphic design industry. Her community-based drawings hinge between anamorphic inspirations and representational blendings. Other artists will create unique ephemeral drawings throughout the area over the coming weeks.



Each pop-up is free and open to the public. Here are the pop-ups we can enjoy locally!

- Saturday, July 17, 11 am-1 pm, Jan’s Books, 12320 SW 1st St.
- Thursday, July 29, 10 am-2 pm, in front of Powell’s Books, 3415 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.
- Friday, July 30, 10 am-2 pm, in front of Starbucks Mall Entrance, 3205 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.
- Saturday, July 31, 1-5 pm, in front of Wild Fin Grill, 2725 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.
- Thursday, August 5, in the morning, Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW Fifth St.

2D4D’s activities are made possible by the generous support of Patricia Reser, City of Beaverton, Cedar Hills Crossing Management, Boom Arts Theatre, and other local sponsors. Visit [2D4D’s website](#) for more information.

## Beaverton Community Band

Sunday, July 25, 6:15-8 pm, Stella Olsen Memorial Park, 22256 SW Washington St, free, donations will be accepted to help defray the band’s costs.

The Beaverton Community Band is pleased to share its music with a wider swath of Washington County—and indeed the entire



tri-county area—by offering a free rehearsal to the public in a safe, socially distanced outdoor setting. Even though COVID-19 limitations still apply, the band has been able to meet outdoors for several rehearsals and is pleased beyond measure to be able to offer the public an opportunity to attend and share the joy of live music once again. Bring a blanket and a picnic meal, spread out on the grass in front of the stage, and enjoy this unique community gathering.

Visit the [Beaverton Community Band website](#) for more information.

## Portlandia Brass Ensemble performs at Springville Farms

Sunday, July 11, 5 pm, Springville Farms, 12821 NW Springville Rd, [reservations required](#): \$5 to hold your reservation, additional \$20 door fee will be charged and given to performers.

Groupmuse live and in-person performances are back! This is the first one to be scheduled in the Portland area.

Come out for a summer concert at Springville Farms new outdoor amphitheater. We’ll do some classical works, some show tunes, and a few surprises. Learn more at the [Portlandia Brass Ensemble](#) website.

### Library News

## Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Library News

### New hours!

Monday 10-4; Tuesday 10-8; Wednesday 10-6; Thursday 10-8; Friday 10-4; Saturday 10-4; Sunday noon-3

Find featured events for kids, teens, tweens, and adults. For full listings of events, please [visit the library website](#).

## Second Edition Resale Sidewalk Sale

Thursdays and Fridays, 9 am-2 pm (closed on rainy days).

For the most up-to-date information check out our Instagram [@SecondEditionResale](#). Or find updates on the [libraries’ website](#). All proceeds from your purchases made at Second Edition Resale support Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries.

### Library Book Sale

Our [Book Sale](#) has over 2,000 titles at great prices waiting to be yours! 100% of your Book Sale purchases and donations benefit the libraries. Questions about donating? Call (503) 644-0043 x 116 to make an appointment.

## Writers’ Mill Writing Workshop

Sunday, July 18, 1-3 pm, via Zoom.

Oregon poet Carolyn Martin is offering her ever-popular (and free to us) writing workshop at the [Writers’ Mill!](#) Contact Cedar Mill library for more information or visit our website. The Writers’ Mill is an eclectic group of local (and some international) writers—we are “writers helping writers” with a connection to the Cedar Mill library.

## Expanded hours at Beaverton City library

The hours of operation at the Beaverton main library are Monday-Wednesday, 10 am-7 pm; Thursday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm; and Sunday, 1-6 pm.

The Beaverton libraries have a full schedule of events (virtual and in-person) through the summer. [Learn more here.](#)

## National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3

[National Night Out](#) (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Through social gatherings, NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Plan a block party, build community, and make your neighborhood a safer place! Learn more at the [Washington County Sheriff’s Office website](#).

# Wildfire: Protecting your home this Summer"

Wednesday, July 28, 7 pm, free, [online, register here.](#)

A free program by Cedar Hills Ready! & Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. Remember last year's wildfires and evacuations? Summer has started, and we live in a beautiful, wooded community, vulnerable to fire that could spread rapidly in a

how to prepare your yard and house for the season, and how to put together emergency evacuation kits in case the worst happens. Cedar Hills Ready! and TVF&R will present an hour Zoom discussion of these topics at 7 PM, Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

Join us for some good information and hints for survival. Everyone is welcome. Share with your friends and family.

Registration is required: For more information and to get on our email list, contact Karen or Lincoln at [info.cedarhillsready@gmail.com](mailto:info.cedarhillsready@gmail.com) or visit us at [www.cedarhillsready.org](http://www.cedarhillsready.org).

The mission of Cedar Hills Ready! is to create caring, connected and resilient

neighborhoods. We are committed to making sure every neighbor is prepared and has the best chance of survival in the event of a disaster.

Selections will be made by the field office.

"The Citizens Academy program gives the people we serve a rare chance to see the FBI in action. This is a great opportunity not only for leaders in our community to learn, ask questions, and really engage with our people, but it is also an opportunity for us to learn more from those we serve," said Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Oregon Kieran L. Ramsey.

Those who apply will be notified of their status no later than August 6. Once selected, applicants must complete a background check. For further information, contact Community Outreach Specialist Antonia Kreamier at [ajfabiankreamier@fbi.gov](mailto:ajfabiankreamier@fbi.gov).

# Keep Washington County quiet and clean

Have you ever been annoyed by the dust and noise of a gas-powered leaf blower? Your annoyance might escalate if you knew how dangerous they are to our community's climate health. These small gas engines are overtaking cars as the leading source of air pollution in communities like ours.

Did you know that the pollution from one hour of gas-powered leaf blowing emits the same amount of hydrocarbons as driving a car for 1100 miles, the distance from Portland to San Diego? In addition, these blowers increase our risk of cancer, respiratory, cardiovascular, and neurological disease. There are—right now—readily available battery powered leaf blowers that are excellent alternatives to their gas-powered counterparts. What we need is the community will and supportive infrastructure to use them.

We'll have a Facebook page soon, so we hope you join us in our efforts to hasten the transition here in Washington County. We know change is coming, so let's be one step ahead. Share your thoughts, questions, and experiences with us at [quietcleanwc@gmail.com](mailto:quietcleanwc@gmail.com).

# Modernizing Oregon's Recycling System

The Oregon Legislature passed the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (Senate Bill 582) during the 2021 Legislative Session. The Recycling Modernization Act will overhaul Oregon's outdated recycling system by building on local community programs and leveraging the resources of producers to create an innovative system that works for everyone in the state. This comprehensive update puts Oregon at the forefront of recycling innovation once again!

Learn more about SB 582 with the [SB 582 flyer](#) and [Oregon.gov](http://Oregon.gov).

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The FBI in Oregon is now accepting nominations for its Citizens Academy Program. The Citizens Academy allows leaders to come together to explore the work of the FBI, both in Oregon and around the world. Over seven weeks, participants will have a chance to engage with FBI leadership, case agents, and professional staff as they learn about what it is really like to live the Bureau's mission to "protect the American people and uphold the Constitution of the United States." Applicants may nominate themselves for a participant slot. Acceptance into the program is competi-

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