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Road News

Saltzman solution?

A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed to help county decision-makers understand the community's views on the two proposed alignments for the north end of Saltzman Road, where it intersects with Laidlaw. The first [virtual] meeting was held on August 26. Three additional meetings are scheduled, and anyone interested is invited to attend and submit comments. All meetings are on zoom from 5-7:30 pm. Visit the [Washington County page](#) for zoom links, meeting summaries, and



A third option was proposed during the 2016 discussion—an innovative bridge design.

more information. Wednesday, September 23: Review the draft analysis (stormwater, hydraulics, traffic)

Wednesday, October 14: Review the draft Alternative Evaluation Memo

Wednesday, November 4: Make a recommendation for Alternative to forward

Members of the PAC include CPO representatives, neighbors and other community members, and representatives from THPRD, BSD, and TVFR. Also at the initial meeting was Ben Lively, one of the two County Engineers, Washington County Land Use staff, and Terry Song of [Murraysmith](#), a public infrastructure company with offices in over a dozen western states.

As your representative from CPO1, I have set up a separate mailing list to update the community on PAC activities. If you're not already on the CPO 1 mailing list (separate from the county list) and wish to get these updates, [sign up here](#).

During the first meeting, Asif Rahman, who was active in the Bethany Neighborhood Coalition,

described the [third alternative solution](#) that group had offered in early 2016.

One of our interns put together a list of major articles published since 2005 on the situation. A [PDF file with links is available here](#).

Cornelius Pass news

Work continues on Multnomah County's project to repair and improve the segment of Cornelius Pass Road between Skyline and Highway 30. [Visit this page](#) for updates and to subscribe to the newsletter.

ODOT is preparing to assume ownership of NW Cornelius Pass Road between U.S. 30 and U.S. 26 through a jurisdictional transfer from Multnomah County and Washington County. This jurisdictional transfer was directed by the Oregon State Legislature through [Keep Oregon Moving \(HB 2017\)](#). They expect the transfer to be complete in late 2020 or early 2021,

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THPRD News

Park maintenance in a pandemic

We wanted to find out how Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) has been managing to maintain facilities with a reduced workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jon Campbell, THPRD Maintenance Operations Manager, answered our questions.

What was the district's initial maintenance plan when things began shutting down in March?

We designed a Park Maintenance service model that would keep our open amenities safe and available for use, focused on providing essential services. All part-time staff were laid off in early April due to fiscal impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss

Saving what's left—efforts to protect the remaining natural areas and wildlife habitats in Washington County

by Fran Warren, CPO 1 member

As Significant Natural Resources (SNRs) and wildlife habitats in Washington County diminish, community members have become more vocal in trying to protect what is remaining. This article is just a brief overview of some of the activities presently in progress in Washington County. Our Community Participation Organization (CPO1) is an excellent place for you to share what you are doing to participate in this effort, to find like-minded people, and to become engaged if you are interested and not already involved. Please feel free to contact me at fran.warren@frontier.com to learn more.

Some of the pivotal actions that have occurred recently include the Cedar Crest Development Challenge & Lawsuit. This resident-led lawsuit led to the Oregon State Land Use and Development Commission (LCDC) [June 2020 Injunction](#), which halts Washington County Land Use and Development (LUT) from issuing

Development Approvals involving habitat until the injunction's requirements are met. LUT has written Ordinance 869, proposing changes to their SNR policies to



make them "clear and objective." The Board of County Commissioners is scheduled to begin deliberation on the Ordinance at the September 15 meeting.

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of this valuable workforce meant the scope of work for the district's remaining staff had to be narrowed to the most critical functions.

We have been running at approximately 30% staff levels, com-

pared to a normal year. Full-time Park Maintenance Staff work alone, and focus on identified essential services: THPRD parks and Beaverton School District shared properties are mowed; trash and litter is collected and dog bag dispensers are stocked. Pathways are kept clear and safe. We respond to vandalism, graffiti and safety items.

Has that changed since April?

We were able to bring back 10-12 part-time staff in June. Their focus has been to provide additional support in mowing and trash collection, and also to help fill three vacant full-time positions in Park Maintenance.

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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

Support our first responders and get a free coffee drink!

Haven Coffee Company and Sunset Credit Union are teaming up to show support to Washington County First Responders. And the great part? YOU get a free cup of coffee too!

Simply stop into the Credit Union and ask for your free coupon, then bring it to Haven Coffee Company, located just down the street at 800 NW Murray Blvd, by Friday, September 11 to receive your free coffee drink (up to \$4). We'll then donate a FREE coffee drink to the First Responders at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue or Washington County Sheriff's Office in your name.

Help us show how much we appreciate and admire our First Responders...stop by Sunset Credit Union located at 1100 NW Murray Blvd, and ask for your FREE coupon to Haven's Coffee Company. It's a great chance to check out the newly-remodeled coffee shop too!

Cornell Farms hosts Harvest for F(all)

Cornell Farm Nursery and Café is excited to announce our upcoming month-long fundraiser and virtual event series for the local nonprofit Friends of Family Farmers! This network of small Oregon family farms works daily to promote and protect socially responsible and sustainable agriculture for Oregonians. Given Cornell Farm's long-time commitment to environmental stewardship, this partnership highlights our support of racial and food justice: a perfect beneficiary fit.

Cornell Farm plans to host its annual scarecrow contest, webinars, and a cafe special during September with proceeds benefiting Friends of Family Farmers. Special informational webinars on sustainable farming, racial and food justice, and harvest-related content will be posted to Cornell Farm's website with links to their social media channels. For a full list of happenings, please visit cornellfarms.com/pages/harvest-for-fall/

Cedar Mill Farmers Market is filled with fall produce

Saturdays, through October 10, 9 am-2 pm, corner of NW Cornell Rd & Murray

September is a great month at the Cedar Mill Farmers Market! As the seasons change from summer to fall, we have lots of fresh produce and speciality products! To add fun to shopping, we are awarding the thousandth customer each week with a prize (photo in our newsletter, a market bag, a face mask and \$10 to shop at the market).

In accordance with state guidelines, we wear masks, sanitize hands and high-touch areas, and maintain social distancing. Thank you for coming out to the market and supporting all of the wonderful vendors, farmers, and small businesses! Especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, your support means a lot to everyone.

We have three hot food vendors at the market: La Popular (tamales), La Loteria Taco Shop (street

tacos, salads, burritos) and Lobos Street Food (chorizo sandwiches/tortas, quesadillas, pambazos). All hot food is for take-out only, so plan to bring some delicious food home for lunch or dinner!

We are so appreciative of The Farmers Market Fund (Double Up Food Bucks program) and Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District for partnering with the Cedar Mill Farmers Market (and other farmers markets) this market season. Both programs have helped our market assist low-income families and others struggling with food insecurity. If you receive SNAP benefits or know someone who does, our market offers a \$10 match when someone uses their EBT card.

For a weekly list of events, please sign up for our newsletter by emailing ourcmfm@gmail.com. See you at the market!

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, September 8, noon-1 pm, RSVP to receive Zoom link.

The Cedar Mill Business Association is possibly more relevant than ever with fewer avenues to promote our businesses. Despite having switched to the Zoom online platform, our meetings allow community members to keep in touch and support each other! We invite all businesses: large, small, and solo-prepreneurs to join us!

Sophie McDuffey from Fieldstone Cornell Landing will host the September meeting. We are pleased to have Daniel Hayes of Real Property Management Solutions discuss "The state of the Portland rental market and why it matters to you". More information about Daniel is on our website: cedarmillbiz.com.

At this month's meeting, we will be presenting the three winners of an Amazing Triple Business Association Package—which includes one membership to the Cedar Mill Business

Association (CMBA), one Silver Level Sponsorship on our CMBA website, and one membership to our "partner association", the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME).

If you are currently a member, check your email for the link in our e-blast—and if you are not, we would love to have guests! Guests can email melissa@cedarmillbiz.com for our Zoom link. For more information about the Cedar Mill Business Association, please check our Facebook Page at facebook.com/CedarMillBusiness/ or visit our website at cedarmillbiz.com!

Great Notion Beaverton Tap Room

by CMN staff writer Jill Freeman

Looking for an afternoon of amazing beer tasting outside? The Great Notion Tap Room in Timberland Town Center has reopened their dog-friendly deck. While indoor seating is not yet an option, enjoy a flight or a pint or grab a four-pack of beer to go—all done with health and safety in mind.

Here are some helpful tips if you plan to go:

Make a reservation. Want to sit on the deck? Before you go, make a reservation on their website greatnotion.com

as they aren't taking walk-ins during the pandemic.

Touchless and cashless ordering. They have a great system for ordering. Just scan a QR code with your smartphone. This takes you to the menu, where you can also pay with a credit card. A server will bring out your beer.

For beer enthusiasts – Consider adding the "Untappd" app (www.untappd.com) to your smartphone to get updates of new beers on tap at Great Notion and other local breweries, along with keeping track of beers you've enjoyed and how you'd rate them.

Honey Acres launches business quilt trail

Barn quilts can be found throughout the countryside all around the Tualatin Valley. They



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CPO News

September CPO 1 meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 7-9 pm, [via zoom](#)

We have three topics to cover during the September meeting, which will be live on zoom and also on our CPO 1 Facebook page.

Road News: Updates by CPO 1 Leadership. There are several important road projects in the works in the area. Topics include an update on the upper Saltzman Road Project Advisory Committee that just began meeting to address the safety concerns on Saltzman Road; survey results for the proposed right turn lane at Cornell and "Old" Barnes Road; an appeal that has been filed regarding Beaverton's approval of the Walker-Murray intersection improvements; and the transfer of Cornelius Pass Road ownership from Multnomah and Washington counties to Oregon Department of Transportation.

Preserving Natural Areas: update by CPO Member Fran Warren. Fran has been working on natural resources in Washington County for years. She will provide an update on the County's Significant Natural Resources Assessment and Ordinance 869. Fran recently moved to the CPO 1 area from the CPO 6 area where she was an active CPO member.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Allison Brown will focus on crimes

targeting seniors and vulnerable adults. Allison will detail what the most common scams and crimes are that elders face, how to protect loved ones and what to do if you suspect someone is taking advantage of seniors. There will be time for general questions about the DA office after the main presentation.

If you can't attend the meeting but have questions for any of our guests, send them to cpoleaders@gmail.com before the meeting.

August meeting recap

We met Beaverton's new Public Communications Officer, Shellie Bailey-Shah, who gave us an update on Beaverton School District's plans for fall. She answered many questions from the zoom audience and also those submitted previous to the meeting and through the "simulcast" on the CPO 1 Facebook page.

Tricia Mortell, Washington County Public Health Manager, shared a presentation on the county response to COVID-19 and also responded to many questions. Her presentation will be linked to the [August 11 Meeting Info on the CPO 1 page](#).

The meeting is available to view on our [Facebook page here](#).

We also heard from Chris Kondrat, a local artist working as a Contact Tracer. For more information on the county's program, [visit this page](#).

Fairly quiet on the development front

No neighborhood meetings notices were received this month! See Development News for updates on previous applications.

An application for a 41-lot subdivision in two phases has been submitted by Noyes Development. Creekview Ridge Phases 4 and 5 are adjacent to the recently completed Creekview Ridge subdivision. The two phases are proposed to straddle Laidlaw Road. Phase 5, north of Laid-



law, includes a Natural Resource area including a tributary of Ward Creek, so it's unclear whether the county can approve the application given the LCDC injunction currently in effect (see SNR article, page 1).

Project Lotus supports Asian American mental health

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, a group of four Oregon high school students, Helen Chen, Joyce Chen, Daniel Gu, and Aaron Li, launched Project Lotus to destigmatize mental health in the Asian American community. "After seeing a close friend struggle with their mental health due to academic performance and strained familial relationships, I realized how specific aspects of Asian-American communities placed a great burden on their members," says Aaron Li, marketing director. "Being able to contribute to empowering and educating members of my community drove me to join my friends in starting Project Lotus." Planning began in November, but the global pandemic's effect on the community's mental health led to more growth of Project Lotus's work.

Project Lotus is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to ending the stigma around mental health in the Asian American community

by dismantling the model minority myth through education and empowerment.

Many of the root causes of the mental health stigma come from a familial emphasis on success and education, Asian immigrants' survivor mentality, and a general culture of burying one's emotions. As Creative Director Joyce Chen says, "The Asian community often talks about mental health as if it doesn't exist or as though it's something to be ashamed about." This shame and stigma can manifest in suicidal thoughts, anxiety, depression, and other mental and physical health problems.

To combat this, Project Lotus's team of 23 students has created resources, materials, and platforms for discussion. The [Project Lotus website](#) hosts creative community blogs, a podcast (also available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts), a COVID support group for Asian-

American youth, and webinars created by students and mental health professionals. "Helping an Asian American friend who was feeling suicidal and depressed opened my eyes to how real mental health and the community-specific problems we face are," says Daniel Gu. "I started Project Lotus because I wanted to see real change in the community. It's time Asian American mental health is genuinely supported and understood, and I believe we as teens—who experience firsthand the effects of mental health stigma—can lead that change."

Project Lotus aims to engage adults and students alike. If you, or somebody you know, could benefit from Project Lotus's work, visit the [Project Lotus website](#), follow Project Lotus on Instagram and Facebook, email Project Lotus at info@contactprojectlotus.org, or call/text at 503-345-7157.

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Update on the 2020 Census

by Vicky Siah, CMN student intern

Once per decade, the United States Constitution mandates that all current residents of the US and territories must be accounted for in the US Census. The datasets derived from census-obtained information provide opportunities for additional state funding, business investments, Congressional apportionment, and the creation or adaptation of public policies. The effects of census completion extend far into the forthcoming decade—George Washington University reports a \$13,452,034,877 aggregate grant (from 55 federal programs) for all areas in the 2016 fiscal year alone.

With the onset of COVID-19 and with the September 30 census deadline approaching fast, the US Census Bureau has augmented outreach efforts: both in-person and contactless census reminders have been increased in accordance to local safety guidelines.

The State of Oregon and Governor Kate Brown urge Oregonians to complete the 2020 census and magnify Oregonian voices in the legislative branch. Predictions by

Polidata and the Brennan Center for Justice indicate that Oregon may gain another seat in Congress if the census shows significant population growth. This would create Oregon's sixth Congressional seat, allowing Oregon to have a greater influence on key topics.

Each vote fortifies initiatives (including Head Start, Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF) that positively impact Oregonians' quality of life. As leverage in the fight for state funding, a sixth seat bears the potential to attract employers and programs to Oregon, enriching local communities.

The Bureau's statistics show Oregon at 90% enumerated as of August 30, but with a month left before the deadline, the census can still be completed at 2020census.gov/en.html.

New methods during the pandemic

According to US Census Bureau Director Dillingham, measures to accelerate census counting are underway. Training sessions, combined with increased electronic device availability, prioritizes the accuracy and speed of information gathering.

Traditionally, census workers conduct doorstep visits to non-responding households. Following a shutdown-related break, census workers have recommended these visits—observing six-foot distancing recommendations, frequent sanitization measures, and the observation of a mask requirement. Furthermore, the Bureau supplements low-responding census tracts with the Mobile Questionnaire Assistance program—facilitating further face-to-face assistance in grocery stores, town centers, and pharmacies.

Follow-up services have also expanded to include phone solicitations, emails, and a seventh mailing of the paper questionnaire. By calling and emailing residents, the Bureau targets areas below a 50% rate of response and aims to simplify the census process. Census workers are currently undergoing training to communicate via phone, and in the case of no response, workers are instructed to leave a voicemail for callback purposes. Each strategy is designed to maintain or increase census completion despite the pandemic.

Washington County Forum

The Forum will begin its 2020-21 season with important local political debates leading to the November election. Find the zoom link to join these free events by [visiting the Forum website](#). Programs run from noon-1 pm.

Monday, September 14

Debate for Washington County Commission, District 1: Nafisa Fai and Jeff Hindley will challenge each other and share their visions for the future of Washington County.

Monday, September 21

COVID update and Local House debates: The county will give us an update on the status of COVID in our community and what we should expect for the future. Following this update will be debates for Oregon House of Representative seats.

Monday, September 28

Debates in local House and Senate races.

Founded in 1956, the Forum provides a place for the interchange of ideas on civic matters, bringing together community leaders, members, and guests who care about what happens in Washington County, the Metro region, and our state.

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Road News, continued from page 1 after they present documentation to the Oregon Transportation Commission this fall.

The day-to-day experience for residents and travelers on Cornelius Pass Road will change very little once it is a state highway. Most changes are related to how the road will be managed and maintained after the transfer. Once Cornelius Pass Road is a state highway, ODOT will be responsible for things like permitting, roadway maintenance, winter weather maintenance, project planning and funding.

Sign up for project updates: tinyurl.com/CornPassTransfer

Walker-Murray intersection project decision is appealed by Beaverton Councilors

Hearing: Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 pm (online)

Marc SanSoucie and Mark Fagin, members of the Beaverton City Council, filed an appeal on the Beaverton Planning Director's decision to approve Washington County's project. (Beaverton had to weigh in because it's within city limits, but both roads are county.)

The appellants say that the design of the right turn lane (a slip lane) is

dangerous and not identified in the city or county published transportation documents. From SanSoucie's testimony submitted during the original hearing, "I am asking that the City of Beaverton deny the application as submitted, and return it to the County with a requirement that the channelized right-turn lanes (or "slip lanes") on the NW and SE corners of the intersection be removed from the design."

This will be among several road projects discussed at the September 8 CPO 1 meeting.



Two of the corners at the intersection are designed as slip lanes.

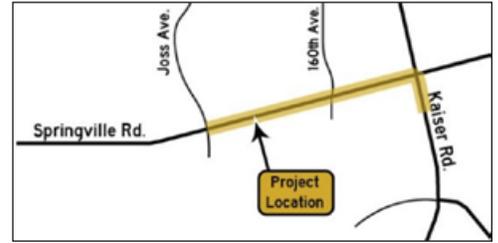
Springville Road construction

Construction began on Springville Road, between Kaiser Road and Joss Avenue, on Sept. 1. Expect lane closures and travel delays from 7 am-7 pm, Monday-Saturday through summer 2021.

Springville Road is being widened to three lanes: one travel lane in each direction with a center turn lane. Other improvements include: bike

lanes, sidewalks, street lighting, and improved drainage. The road is currently a two- and three-lane urban arterial serving the rapidly growing North Bethany area. Road sections are not standardized, with narrow shoulders and multiple pedestrian-and-bicycle conflict areas.

The \$6.8 million project is funded through the North Bethany Service District. For more information, visit



the [Springville Road \(Phase 3\) web-page](#), call Capital Project Services at 503-846-7800 or email lutproj@co.washington.or.us.

Civics for Adults virtual sessions: Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

September 23. 6-7:30 pm, online, sponsored by Aloha Public Library

Are you overwhelmed with messages from politicians, news sources and other media? Distinguish truth from fiction using real-world examples. Become your own "fact-checker!" Also, learn how to find accurate information.

Visit the [Aloha Library calendar here](#), where you can learn more and register to attend. We're happy to let folks from anyplace—within Washington County or outside of it—register during the final seven days before the program date!

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Park News, continued from page 1

Are there any parks that aren't being maintained at all?

No, each of our parks is being maintained on a weekly basis.

I've heard that some parks in Portland are getting more vandalism. Are you seeing any of that here? Increased camping, or trash?

There has certainly been a spike in graffiti and trash. THPRD launched two new programs to help address increases in graffiti. The district's Message Gardens at Schiffler Park and AM Kennedy Park are meant to provide the public with a safe space to share messages of peace, solidarity, and support for racial justice reform.

In September, the district will be launching THPRD's first Talking Wall with students from Sunset High School's Black Student Union and the organization, Color Outside the Lines, that pairs BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) artists with BIPOC student artists, for mentorship and support. Five murals are being planned for installation at the Sunset Sports Complex on September 12. The district has not seen an increase in camping.

Maintenance staff are doing their best right now to focus on the most critical issues in front of them in terms of park maintenance. THPRD wants to acknowledge our service levels are not at their typical levels and have been impacted by the pandemic. We have had to implement cost-saving measures such as reduced watering and reduced routine maintenance. These reductions in service levels have been very carefully considered. The district looks forward to returning to normal service levels over time as our financial condition allows.

I know people appreciate very much that the parks are open for walking! Anything you want to remind the public about?

The most important thing we can all do right now is respect the rules that are in effect to ensure the safety of everyone visiting the parks and trails. We want people to be outdoors, enjoy the public space, and stay healthy and active. But that does mean right now that we need to respect the rules that are in effect for our shared safety. Please wear a face covering when you can't maintain six feet of physical distancing from others.

Also, this has been a very stressful and difficult time for a lot of people. People are frustrated and not expressing themselves in the

most respectful ways.

Playgrounds are closed until we enter Phase 2 in the county. Many of our facilities will remain closed until 2021. Please remember, it's okay to be frustrated but it isn't okay to be abusive to public employees. It has been disappointing to see the increased number of troubling interactions THPRD staff have experienced from people who are ignoring the temporary rules. We need the public's help in working with us as we all navigate this difficult time and respecting the temporary rules that are in effect.

Volunteer Opportunities

[Sign up here](#) for these local events.

Dog Run Work Party at Jackie Husen Park

Thursday, September 10, 9-11:30 am, 10955 NW Reeves

Help us mulch the Dog Run at Jackie Husen Park! Volunteers will spread mulch in preparation for the fall rains. Please bring your own hand sanitizer, face mask and a reusable water bottle to drink from throughout the session. If possible, we also ask that you bring your own gardening gloves. Extra gloves will be available.

Talking Wall Art at Sunset Park Sports Complex

Saturday, September 12, 8 am-5 pm, Sunset Park Sports Complex, 13707 NW Science Park Drive

Volunteer to support the Black Student Union, Color Outside the Lines and local artists to create their Talking Walls murals. The event will also host key speakers, an art on the fence project and a Chalk the Block activity. Volunteers will greet attendees and provide support to various art activities. Please bring your own hand sanitizer, face mask and a reusable water bottle to drink from throughout your shift. Multiple shifts are available, including event setup, support and cleanup!

Conestoga and Athletic Center reopening

THPRD is happy to welcome the public back to two flagship facilities, the Tualatin Hills Athletic Center (50 NW 158th Ave.) and Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center (9985 SW 125th Ave.). Both locations opened to the public on Monday, August 31. There are some changes in operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both in the activities offered and the processes to access services. The pools at Conestoga will remain closed until Washington County enters Phase 2 of the state's

reopening framework. Conestoga is open daily, 7 am to 7 pm. Tualatin Hills Athletic Center is open Monday-Friday, 7 am to 7 pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 8 am to 2 pm.

Reservations are required for most activities: Patrons will be able to register for their favorite amenities such as the weight room or sign up for classes online. Reservations can be made one week in advance for use of the weight room, indoor courts & gyms, and fitness classes.

To register please go to thprd.org/portal. Patrons must have a THPRD account to register. If you do not have access to a computer or if you require assistance from a staff member to register, you may call the center to reserve your spot. Please contact the appropriate center directly at the following numbers: Athletic Center (503) 629-6330 or Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center (503) 629-6313.

Conestoga will offer fitness and yoga classes that are limited to 12 people at a time. The weight & cardio room will also be available for registration of up to 12 people at a time. All drop-in programs have been suspended at this time. Check out class descriptions at thprd.org/facilities/recreation/conestoga/ and register at the portal.

The Athletic Center will be offering a weight & cardio area, fitness and yoga classes, as well as access to the walking track by reservation. This site will also be offering drop-in pickleball, table tennis, and badminton. Four people will be allowed per court. Personal training sessions are also available. Check out class descriptions at thprd.org/facilities/sports/athletic-center and register at thprd.org/portal.

Thanks to a grant award from Washington County, as part of the federal CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds, THPRD will be able to bring back FREE mobile recreation programs very soon. We will be announcing details in the coming weeks. We are also working on late summer and fall community events that can be held consistent with physical distancing guidelines.

Facilities expected to open later this fall include the Babette Horenstein Tennis Center, the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center (once Washington County enters Phase 2 per state requirements), Cedar Hills Recreation Center, and the Tualatin Hills Nature Center. THPRD is working on plans to offer out of school time care and preschool care options for families.

Development News

Milltown updates

According to Ryan Egge of Bales-Findley Development, they are in the early stages of negotiating a new lease for Milltown II, the building that formerly housed Bales grocery. Due to nondisclosure agreements and other legal considerations, they can't share the name of the new tenant yet, but we're told that it's a national retailer.

CVS Pharmacy expects to open its new store in Milltown I around mid-November. The shell of the building is nearly complete, and CVS contractors will take over to complete the interior before long.

Now that more of the "shells" are nearing completion, leases are being negotiated with potential tenants, but as above, no details are available at this time. We hear that a great coffee company is moving in, but we're sworn to silence until the deal is signed!

Completion of the rest of the center isn't expected until late spring or summer 2021. The new Sunset Athletic Club building is expected to be completed on the outside in Spring 2021, and will likely open next summer.

185th gas station application withdrawn

In August, we wrote about a [proposed gas station / mini-mart](#) at the corner of 185th and West Union. A continuation of the public hearing, originally begun in November 2019, was scheduled for August 20. During the August 20 session, the matter was continued to November, but we just received notice that the application has been withdrawn. We've been unable to contact the developer, Robert Barman of West Union & 185th Food Mkt Inc., for comment but it's not uncommon for a development to be resubmitted after redesign in response to public comments and LUT required conditions.

Cedar Grove affordable housing nearing completion

The managers of the new building at Cornell & Murray are beginning to take lease applications.

Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) says, "Applications to Income Property Management received by September 10 will be entered into a lottery to create a waitlist. Leasing packets in several languages can be downloaded at our [Now Leasing page](#) on our new website!"

Information in the packet includes income limits, rental pricing, and floor plans. From the packet: "Cedar Grove offers 44 units of affordable housing, including studios, one, two, and three bedroom units. Rent and income limits are restricted by the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program at or below 60% of median family income. Additionally, eight of the units come with Project-based Section 8 Vouchers (PBVs) provided by the Housing Authority of Washington County. The PBVs give preference to households with incomes at or below 30% Median Family Income, and those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The PBV units are preferred for applicants referred through Community Action."

Columbia Sportswear new building

Notice of approval for a proposed new office building at 14320 NW Science Park Drive has been issued by Washington County. Plans were originally submitted to Washington County in April 2019, and [revised and resubmitted](#) in January 2020. The site is currently undeveloped and being used as overflow parking.

Several variances from county code were requested by the applicant, including a reduction in setback from the street from 40 feet to 32 feet; and to increase the allowed building height from 65 feet to 75.5 feet. These were approved.

Columbia Way is a private street on the north side of the development, and will serve as access to this site, as well as a connection to a future Westside Trail within the BPA property to the west. From the Staff Report: "The applicant has planned for this connection to be constructed with the proposed building, and the trail will be located partly on the subject site and [partly] on the property north of the site (also owned by the applicant)."

The (Cedar) Rumor Mill

We hear things that can't be confirmed, so we're going to begin sharing them here. If you have news about development in the area, let us know at info@cedarmillnews.com. We're also, of course, interested to hear confirmed information from those in the know, but sometimes that's hard to get! Corrections welcome, too!

Kirkland Center, Barnes & 118th: we hear that one of the new businesses may be a dog daycare facility. That's all for now, let us know what you hear!

Library News

No more appointments!

Starting September 8, we will no longer be scheduling appointments. You can pick up your holds and return items at your convenience during our curbside hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday: 10 am-1 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 am-6 pm; Closed Sunday.

After you receive a notification that your holds are ready for pickup, please visit us at curbside. We will keep your holds on our shelves for 10 days after they arrive.

Picking up your holds:

Please bring your library card or ID for checkout. If you are picking up holds for other library users, please bring their library card or account number.

Please wear a mask when picking up holds and follow physical distancing guidelines. Staff will be wearing masks for your protection. When you arrive, follow signage to pick up your holds. If you come by vehicle, park first. If all staff are busy, please stand in line 6 feet apart.

We are accepting returns only during curbside hours. Our book drop remains closed at this time. Returned items will be quarantined for 5 days before check in. No fines will be assessed through September.

If you need accommodations or assistance with outdoor pickup, [please contact the libraries.](#)

Conversation About Oregon's Racist History

Wednesday, September 30, 6:30-8 pm, online workshop via Zoom

Oregon is often touted as a liberal, welcoming state, but Oregon has a long history of racism that continues to impact Oregonians today. Join facilitator Tai Harden-Moore for a community conversation that asks, "How does Oregon's racist past impact Oregonians today?" This discussion will also examine how to identify our own racial biases and work toward tangible ways to move forward as individuals and community.

Register to receive an email the day before the event with information about joining the Zoom meeting. For more information, [visit the event page here.](#)



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Election news

Ballot collection in Washington County

We asked Lisa DuPre, Public Affairs and Communications Coordinator at the Washington County Administration Office, about the county's ballot collection boxes. With loads of news and social media conversation about mail and the safety of our elections, she gave us some good information that will help us deliver our ballots safely and on time.

We'll do a full rundown of the candidates and measures that will be on the November 3 ballot in the October issue, and the October 13 CPO 1 meeting will feature as many races and measures as we can get to the meeting. Make your plans now for how you will accomplish your all-important duty and privilege to vote!

The website says the ballot collection boxes are being refurbished. What does that entail, and when are they scheduled to be reinstalled?

The ballot boxes are being repainted light blue and will have a new decal placed on them so all boxes throughout Washington County have the same appearance. The painting portion of the work was to be completed by September 2. We don't have the exact timing for the County Facilities Department to put them back in place, but they all will be fully in place to start accepting ballots in mid-October. Voter registration closes October 13 and the ballots start getting mailed October 14.

Will there be additional secure collection boxes, in light of the libraries being closed?

Cedar Mill Library, Beaverton City Library, West Slope Library, and Service Center East will now have 24-hour outdoor drop boxes, and West-side Commons, formerly the Fair Complex, in Hillsboro will be a new site for a 24-hour ballot drop box.

Will there be a collection box in Bethany?

The site of the Bethany Library requires some coordination with property owners with regards to putting a 24-hour access box in the parking lot. Other storefronts would be impacted, so we will need to discuss potential traffic issues on Election day, and address the challenges that come with that. We are working on that.

I have also heard that there are changes coming to the WC-CLS system after Labor Day, but I don't know what they are. If

more libraries are able to open on a limited basis, will they get ballot collection boxes? Have you made any plans for that?

We are having ongoing discussions with the libraries to solidify a cohesive, united message, since all libraries are structured differently. We are diligently working on a plan with libraries.

Some years, there were volunteer crews in the Cedar Mill library parking lot taking ballots on Election Eve. Is that feasible or likely in Bethany?

If our outdoor box proposal does not get approved by property ownership in Bethany, we will probably resort to the temporary pop-up ballot collection approach at this location. The discussion is still very active and ongoing at this time.

"Socially Distanced Inspiration" written and illustrated by 12-year-old

by Genevieve Coblentz, CMN Managing Editor

After COVID-19 shut down her school, 12-year-old Saskia Dorf decided to put her spare time to good use. She and her family took daily walks to get out of the house. The natural world took on new meaning and inspired her to draw what she saw and write inspirational quotes to go with her drawings.

After two months, Saskia had written and colorfully illustrated 25 quotes. Wanting to share her creativity and inspire others who are dealing with the new normal of COVID-19, Saskia compiled her work into a book. All of the quotes and beautiful artwork in the book are Saskia's original work.

"This book is intended to turn on the light and happiness of life that the darkness of coronavirus has taken away," writes Saskia.

Saskia sells these books for \$10 each to raise money for the Red



Cross. If you are interested in supporting a good cause and an aspiring writer and artist, you can email creativeskaterinspiration@gmail.com to buy Saskia's book.

SNRs, *continued from page 1*

Community members and environmental groups have been offering testimony to request postponement of the hearing, or to ask for corrections to the proposed changes in the policy. Those involved say it is not enough—but it may be just enough to meet the requirements to lift LCDC’s injunction.

[Visit this page](#) to see how you can submit testimony. Scroll down to see the latest material and a link to the Ordinance.

At our senior living complex, we enjoyed a presentation from Metro about the native plants and birds that surround us. The speaker also explained how important wildlife corridors are to the region. Now we are energized to plant native species in our landscape.

The Committee for Community Involvement (CCI), a leadership group of CPOs in the county, has formed an SNR sub-committee, a group of volunteers who are looking at how we, as community members, can work together to protect and improve the natural areas of Washington County. It’s open to all, so if you are interested in participating on this sub-committee, please contact me.

Among the projects we will work on is a Tree Code for Washington County. The [City of Milwaukie](#) has an excellent template which Micah Meskel, Activist Program Manager from Portland Audubon has recommended. This city has included Tree Codes in their Charter and they even have a dedicated Sustainability Department. It may take a few more years to make this happen in the county, but let us know if you’d like to be involved.

These are just a few of the activities of concerned volunteers in the Washington County area. What are you doing? What would you like to see happening?

About me: I have been volunteering in the Washington County area for many years since retiring from Intel. For ten years, I worked on school environmental projects, and then on the Foundation Board for Trillium Family Services. In 2012, I formed the 175th Neighborhood Association, made up of 400 homes on Cooper Mountain. We held community meetings and I spearheaded the residents’ technical presentations and testimonies for transportation improvements for the High Growth Areas.

Now, I’m focused on researching and speaking out for wildlife

habitat protection for our region. My main focus has been on Metro and the Intertwine on [Regional Strategic Action Plan](#) (SAP) to Protect Oaks and Prairies.

I’m also working at the state level with Oregon Rep. Helms on The Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund. Ultimately, we need to initiate an Oregon Bill to ensure enforcement of the Natural Resources Protections in Oregon law. Currently, the state only requires voluntary compliance—thus the jurisdictions can only write policy which follows this voluntary compliance requirement.



Five Oaks Museum Call for Artwork

DISplace is a forthcoming exhibition at the Five Oaks Museum (located on the PCC Rock Creek Campus) that will share the histories of Hawai’i, the Pacific Northwest, and the communities that continue to flow between these two regions.

To help tell these stories, we invite submissions of visual art (2D, performance, video, etc.) and stories (family stories, personal accounts, photographs, etc.) from members of these communities. We welcome your stories in whichever form you feel best represents you and/or your family’s connection to this broader history, and offer the additional option of sharing your story through interview/talk story.

Artists and storytellers do not need to be of Native Hawaiian descent, as the communities that connect these places are diverse and many!

Submissions due: September 30, 2020. Opening reception: November 12, 2020. To submit stories email us at displace.exhibition@gmail.com. To submit art visit fiveoaksmuseum.org/exhibit/dis-place/

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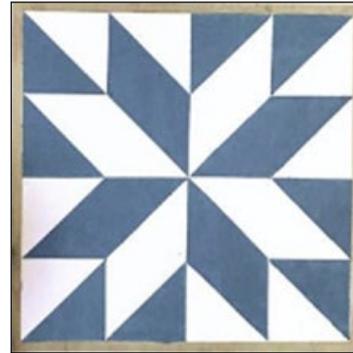
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Lillian Walton, owner of Honey Acres Designs, writes: “What I’m doing is gifting small local businesses a mini barn quilt to create a local business barn quilt trail. My goal in creating this is to support local businesses around Beaverton and surrounding areas. I am focusing on local businesses because I believe tourism, bringing pops of color through art, supporting small businesses, and safely getting people to be more comfortable in going out is important as we navigate a new normal.”

To see Honey Acres Design’s work (or if you are interested in being a part of the business barn quilt trail), please visit them at [facebook.com/HoneyAcresDesigns/](https://www.facebook.com/HoneyAcresDesigns/) and check out their Instagram!

Great Portland resource for your “Staycation!”

by CMN staff writer Jill Freeman
111 Places in Portland That You Must Not Miss, by Katrina Nattress, photography by Jason Quigley

If the pandemic has you focused on staying in the area, Katrina Nattress’ “111 Places in Portland” book is a helpful resource, encouraging you be a tourist in your own town. This 200+ page guide to Portland highlights a host of unique spots, alphabetically arranged, and each one beautifully photographed. With a nod to Portland’s foodie culture, the author includes tips on places to grab a good meal near

many of the locations.

Gravitating to spots I’d not heard of, I enjoyed learning more about a few timely locations to check out. Here is what grabbed my interest:

Outbreak Museum: we have our very own tribute to infectious disease outbreaks located in NE. This one-of-a-kind museum started by a local epidemiologist focuses on tracking causes of outbreaks in Oregon, and houses artifacts related to the outbreaks.

Black PNW Collection: Black culture is celebrated in a NoPo library featuring artwork, films, and historical accounts highlighting the Black experience in the PNW.

Kelly Butte Defense Center: I was surprised to learn Portland is home to a first of its kind underground bunker built during the Cold War as a shelter for government officials. Now sealed, the bunker became a model for others throughout the country and could hold up to 250 people during a nuclear attack.

Whether you are looking for interesting remote learning field trips for your kids, or just curious about Portland’s unique places and history, this “111 Places in Portland” will be a handy guide. It’s available now at all the regular online book-sellers, and at Powells Cedar Hills, which recently reopened.

Village Gallery of Arts

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, 1060 NW Saltzman.

Due to the addition of new buildings in the Milltown development, the Gallery has a new address! However, all other contact information remains the same. The Village Gallery of Arts has also changed gallery hours and implemented COVID-19 protective measures. To ensure the safety of all visitors, masks are required (masks and gloves will be available onsite), hand sanitizer will be provided, physical distancing is mandatory, and the number of visitors at any one time is limited. If you wish to touch any gallery items, please follow the desk worker’s instructions!

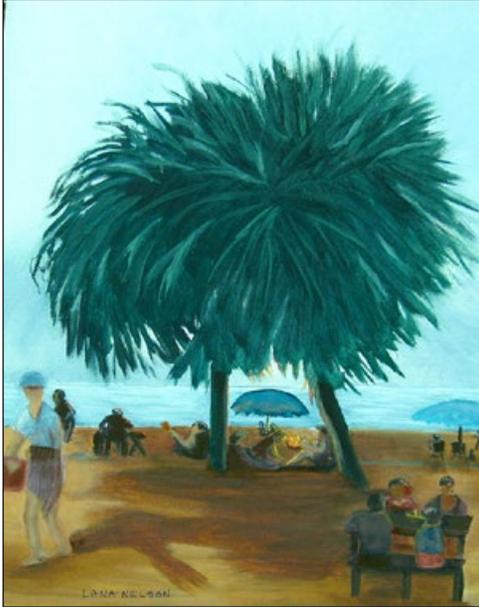
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must make at this time to enjoy the gallery—thank you so much!

Featured Artist: Emily Mae Stevens. Textile painter, illustrator, designer and free motion specialist, she feels that using fabric in her artwork creates a soft edge and three-dimensional texture! She enjoys illustrating and painting people and nature—her current show displays her textile artwork of birds.

Featured Artisan: Marcia



Island Twilight, by Lana Nelson

Wingert. As a child, she was fascinated by rocks and was inspired by nature's beauty. She would fill her pockets and the family car with all kinds of rocks, intrigued by the colors, sparkle, textures, and shapes! From designing jewelry to match her friends' prom dresses as a teen, and selling jewelry at various venues and occasions, she now creates the one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces. She is inspired by Oregon's mountains, rivers, ocean, forest, wildlife, and peacefulness.

Big, Bold Paintings in the Window:

July 30-September 9: Lana Nelson: "Island Twilight," oil on canvas. Can you hear the drums, guitar and ukulele under the palm trees?

August 27-October 7: Sherry Hanson: Artwork to be announced Sept. 10 -Oct. 21: Chris Kondrat Artwork to be announced (watch Facebook, website, Instagram)

In-Person Classes:

The Village Gallery of Art is resuming in-person classes! Sign up with their new online registration at villagegalleryarts.org.

All classes are limited to hours when the gallery is not also open for visitors, and class size is limited by

social distancing guidelines. Masks must be worn by students and instructors while in the gallery.

Debbie Teeter: Basic Drawing
Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17, and 24, 9:30 am-12:30 pm., \$130.

Maximum six students per class. This four-week class will provide and strengthen basic skills in drawing, with an emphasis on seeing/drawing from props. Topics will include shape, value, chiaroscuro,

proportion, composition and perspective. Students will work with various black & white media, such as graphite, charcoal and pen. Visit [our website](#) for the supply list and further details! To contact the instructor, please email debbieteeter@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Higgins: Nature Journaling with Watercolor
Sunday, September 20, 1-3 pm, \$65, or Sunday, October 11, 1-3 pm, \$65

This class offers a choice of two dates with a maximum of six students per class.

As you journal with pencil, pen, and watercolor, you will notice the beauty and uniqueness of botany for a mindful, grounding experience.

No prior experience is necessary for this fun and relaxing workshop. To contact the instructor or learn more about this workshop, please email e.m.higgins@comcast.net or visit her website at ElizabethMHiggins.com

Debbie Teeter: Printmaking With a Press

Tuesdays, October 6 & 13, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, \$90 (with \$10 supply fee payable to instructor).

Maximum six students per class.

In this two-week class, you will make dry-point etchings and collagraph prints without using a press. Although the instructor will supply glue, ink, printmaking paper, and brayers, students must bring some of their own materials. Printing plates will be made during the first session, and they will be used to create prints during the second.

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