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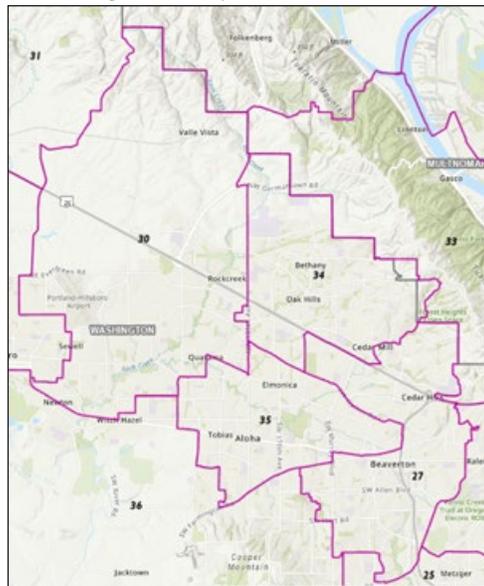
## Legislative News

### Redistricting plan approved by legislature at last minute

By Virginia Bruce

We [wrote in detail last month](#) about the process to draw new boundaries for the Oregon legislature and for our congressional representatives. September 27 was the deadline for the state legislature to enact a plan, and somehow they managed to finish in time, and the governor signed the two bills that created the new districts.

I testified before the committee that the previous plans did not take account of the unique nature of Washington County's urban



Oregon House of Representative Districts as delineated by SB 822.

unincorporated areas north of 26, because it still lumped us together with northwest Portland. Our current State Rep, Maxine Dexter, said that the committee definitely heard us! However, after the new districts take effect, her district (House District 33) will be entirely on the other side of the county line. HD 34 follows the county line to the north-east. This district includes most of Bethany, some of Rock Creek, Oak Hills, and Cedar Mill west and north of Cedar Mill Creek, which the committee apparently used as a boundary. HD 27 includes the Timberland area, West Haven, some of Cedar Hills, and north Beaverton.

So we're split again, but at least it's all in Washington County. If you're close to the boundary, you can determine your new district with the ["interactive map" here](#). Click on the small icon labeled content, then select a category name to see proposals.

State Senate District 17 will be a combination of 34 and 33, straddling the hills and the county line. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, the incumbent in SD 17, is up for election in 2022. (As far as we know, she lives in the newly-drawn district.)

Those now in the new HD 27 and HD 34 will elect representatives in 2022 (currently Sheri Schouten and Ken Helm of Beaverton, respectively). Those in HD 34 will elect a senator (SD 17 consists of HD 33 and 34) in 2022, but those in HD 27 will not (SD 14 consists of HD 27 and 28, and incumbent Kate Lieber of Portland lives in the Multnomah County portion of the new SD 14).

There are likely to be challenges to the plans. As with any complicated endeavor involving a lot of

people, nobody is completely happy, and nobody is getting exactly what they wanted.

October 25 is the deadline for electors to file objections to the plan. The Oregon Supreme Court must either approve the plan by November 22 or file an opinion requiring corrections if it rejects the enacted plan by December 6. If the court approves, the new districts will be "enacted" on January 1. The Secretary of State can make further revisions until January 17, 2022.

Peter Wong, who covered the entire process in detail [for the Pamplin newspapers](#), says, "The absolute

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## Development News

### West Union gas station plans being reviewed by WashCo

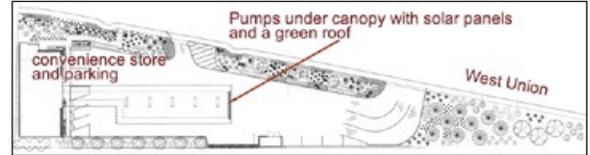
We [learned in April 2020](#) that Robert Barman and his company were planning to build a Chevron gas station and convenience mart on the triangular property where the Mad Greek Deli used to

be, on the southeast corner of West Union and 185th. Several public meetings were held so they could get feedback from community members. The [original plan was withdrawn](#) and revised, and the final development application was submitted to county Land Use and Transportation (LUT) in March and accepted by LUT in September. A public hearing before one of the county's hired hearings officers will be scheduled, likely during the November 18 session.

Barman and his wife own several other gas stations in the region, including one at Murray and Allen in Beaverton that is described as a "flagship of environmental conscience" for being carbon neutral. Many acknowledge the need for a station in the Bethany area, and the developer argues that this is the only feasible location available.

LUT lists the project as a "Special Use and Development Review approval for a two story, 4,983 square foot commercial development, Chevron Market, (convenience market/gas station) served by 5 fueling islands (10 pumps); an Access Management Plan for access to NW West Union Road; Variances to reduce: 1) the front yard setback (from NW 185th Avenue) from 20 feet to 2 feet, and 2) the street

side yard setback (from NW West Union Road) from 20 feet to 10 feet for the main structure and from 20



The landscape plan submitted with the application shows the general layout and the entrances from West Union.

feet to 15 feet for the canopy, and a Half-Street Exception for improvements to NW West Union Road."

The variances request says that without reducing the front and side yards required by code, the

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### Why the white bike?

"Ghost bikes" are a [traditional way of honoring and memorializing a cyclist killed by a motor vehicle](#). Here in Cedar Mill you may have noticed a white bike attached to a pole at the intersection of Cornell and Old Barnes Rd., near Sunset Veterinary.

It was placed by the family of Kirke Johnson who was killed in November 2014. [Here's the story](#). Let this ghost bike be a reminder to all of us to be aware of cyclists who share the roads.

# 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—polish your online presence

Tuesday, October 12, noon, via Zoom

The Cedar Mill Business Association continues monthly speaker and networking meetings via Zoom. Our speaker this month



is Sean Kuriyan with “eight-and-two.” Sean will share his knowledge on topics that can improve your online presence, track your

website’s performance, and save you time. Topics that will be covered include SEO and local search, tracking and marketing analytics, marketing automation tools, project management and collaboration tools, and outsourcing.

CMBA Members will receive the Zoom link through the Monthly E-Blast. We invite guests to two free visits at no charge. Please contact 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](#).

## Cedar Mill Farmers’ Market

Saturdays, 9 am-2 pm, corner of NW Cornell and Murray Rd, in the Safeway parking lot

Fall is here, but we’re still open! Come visit us through October 16

to shop and support some awesome local businesses. There is something for everyone at the market, and we want to make sure you can stock up on your favorites before the season is over.

We also want to say a big thank you to everyone who has shopped with us this year. We truly love being your Farmers’ Market and helping you bring local goods into your homes each week. Together, we get the opportunity to support a wide variety of local businesses and help our community thrive. What could be better?



*N&N Amaro offers an amazing variety of fresh and dried peppers, along with traditional Mexican vegetables and more.*

There are just a few weekends left, and we don’t want you to miss out! We hope to see you soon.

## Donate blood at the Golden Valley Brewery

Thursday, October 7, 11 am-4:30 pm, 1520 NW Bethany Blvd.

We’re hosting a blood drive in our parking lot, and every donor that provides a pint of blood will receive a coupon for a free pint of beer! Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or [visit this page](#) and find the date and the event to sign up.

## Village Gallery of Arts news

Featured Artist Medha Joshi:

My art form is Lippan, a traditional mural craft of rural Gujarat, India, made with clay and mirrors. My murals are mounted on wood, but the traditional substrates are the inside walls of homes. Each petal and leaf must be shaped within a few seconds, as they dry quickly.

Featured Artisan Rae

Campbell:

As my work has progressed, I have incorporated some of my earlier art into my glass work—I have progressed from simple abstract glass pieces to adding photo images in glass. More recently, I’m learning how to bring the look of my fiber arts background into my recent work. It is not fabric, but glass stringers that resemble woven fabric.

**Big, Bold Painting by Lana Nelson:** “Autumn Lake,” oil and recycled materials on canvas

This painting was a journey

during the pandemic. It began as an unfinished hooked rug project from 50 years ago and rose in 2020 from storage in my attic to express the unreality of our world in 2021. I think the momentous and dramatic overture from the ballet, “Swan Lake,” also works with “Autumn Lake.”

## Artists’ reception

Sunday October 10, 3-5 pm

Meet the artists and enjoy the new show with refreshments and a cold beverage.

## Classes and Workshops

Registration is online for all classes and workshops. Please see the [Village Gallery of Arts’ website](#) for details. In-person classes are held at 1060 NW Saltzman.

**Children’s in person class—VGA Instructional Team**

Four session class, Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 3:45-5pm; four session class, Thursdays, November 4, 11, and 18, 3:45-5pm; three session class. Both sections have a maximum of eight students. Masks required.



Join an exciting class learning a variety of art forms. A crew of rotating instructors from our gallery will provide students a chance to explore media and approaches while building their artistic concepts and skills. Look forward to both 2D and 3D projects each month. All supplies are included. Each class will feature a different instructor.

**Jean Anderson: Neurographic Art, Beginner, Class 1**

Tuesday, October 26, 9 am-noon, via Zoom. Maximum eight students. One session class.

Want to relax, bring the power of your subconscious mind to solve problems, find peace, and make abstract art? This is the class for you! Neurographic art comes from the work of Pavel Piskarev, a Russian psychologist, and no drawing skills needed. As you follow the simple instructions I give you, you will make beautiful art and silence your inner chatter. We will learn the foundation of the method and practice, and you will leave comfortable in your ability to do this for small and large pieces. This class is a requirement for Neurographic Art Basics 2 and 3. All you need is white paper and a black permanent pen.

**Jean Anderson: Neurographic Art, Class 2**

Saturday, October 30, 9 am-noon, via Zoom. Maximum eight students. One session class.

As the second class in my series of Neurographic art offerings, this class will build on the skills learned in Class 1. We will take the beautiful pieces that were produced in the first session to their end product—I’ll supply you with more information on how to use color, texture and art products to finish off your paintings. Neurographic Art Basics is a prerequisite for this class. All you need is a black permanent pen, paints, brushes, and paper.

**Emily Stevens: Painting on Fabric/ Making Gifts for the Holidays**

In-person class Thursday, November 11, 10 am-3 pm. Maximum 10 students. Masks required.

Explore painting on fabric—clothing, greeting cards, tote bags, aprons, tee shirts, or wall hangings— and learn basic techniques using fabric paints and mediums. All supplies are provided by the

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## CPO 1 News

### October meeting: CPO Program future; Keep Kids Safe Online; Juvenile Drug treatment program

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

We begin with updates from service providers as available: Washington County Sheriff's Office, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Tualatin Valley Water District, Clean Water Services, Beaverton School District. Community announcements and public comments also welcome.

**7:30: Letter of Support for Commonwealth Lake Park Improvements.** Cindy Dauer, Grant Specialist, THPRD Planning Department, will explain proposed improvements to this popular park and ask us to vote on a letter of support for their grant applications.

**7:45: What's the value of a CPO?** Leaders of CPOs around the county are concerned about dwindling support for the program from county staff. We want to hear from our members about what they value from the organization, why they attend (or not), and suggestions for improvement.

#### 8 pm: Internet Safety and Youth.

Kody Harris, Communication and Outreach Specialist with the Washington County Sheriff's Office, will talk about the guidance adults and youth can get to avoid online dangers, and the general online concerns for our community's youth.

#### 8:30: Keys to Success Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Program.

Rachael Mark, Washington County Juvenile Services Supervisor, will describe the Washington County Keys to Success Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (KTS) program, a model demonstrated to be an effective intervention for youth who use substances and are medium to high risk for recidivism.

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

#### September meeting notes

Vicky Siah, CPO 1 Secretary

CPO 1 restarted their monthly meetings on September 14 after a two-month hiatus. To begin, representatives from our Service Districts provided updates.

Brenda Schaffer from the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) urged WashCo residents to practice the ["9 pm routine"](#) as day-

light hours shorten. Additionally, residents should be careful when giving strangers money over the internet. Common scams include down payments for rentals and purchasing appliances off Facebook.

Brian Yourstone from Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) reported that the district is recruiting for advisory committees. These committees will provide advice to THPRD divisions—there are openings in Nature & Trails, Parks & Facilities, and Programs & Events.

BSD's Kara Yunck highlighted the Clothes for Kids program, which is open by appointment for the 2021-2022 school year. Run by volunteers, they collect and distribute clothing for families in need. She also noted that BSD is evaluating the School Resource Officers (SROs) program.

Co-chair Virginia Bruce announced that the Cedar Mill Cider Festival has been cancelled this fall due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Then she gave an overview of Oregon's redistricting process. One of the criteria of redistricting is to keep communities of common interests intact; yet each of the three proposed maps divides Cedar Mill into two or more districts. This dilutes the population's representation and puts some residents into districts where the majority has opposing interests. Co-chair Bruce advocates for a Representative that only represents urban unincorporated Washington County areas "north of 26." Although none of the maps illustrate ideal representative boundaries for Cedar Mill, Co-chair Bruce prefers Map A, stating that "at least two of the three proposals worsen the situation."

Fran Warren from [Treekeepers for Washington County](#) wants to engage citizens to develop an urban tree protection code for urban unincorporated Washington County. Residents who are interested in this group can visit the Treekeepers webpage. The group is looking for a Facebook page supervisor, and those interested in that position should contact Warren.

Crystal Durbecq, a Nature and Trails Specialist from THPRD, provided attendees with an overview of THPRD's trail offerings. As a Nature and Trails Specialist, Durbecq works with park rangers and technicians to take care of the natural areas. CPO 1 has a high diversity of nature and trail opportunities—the

area includes Jordan Woods, Roger Tillbury Memorial Park, The Bluffs Park, Commonwealth Lake and Foothills Park, Cedar Mill Creek Greenway, and Merritt Woods.

Finally, we learned more about [Middle Housing](#) and issues surrounding it. Anne Kelly, a Senior Planner from Washington County, is leading a team reviewing standards for middle housing as Washington County works towards code amendments to incorporate requirements for HB 2001. Washington County solicited feedback from the community on middle housing, and the majority of residents believed that middle housing is beneficial.

The meeting was simulcast on the CPO 1 Facebook page and is available for viewing. The presentations from THPRD and LUT are available on the [CPO 1 Agendas page](#) on the county website.

### Cedar Hills Ready: Home Fire Safety

Wednesday, October 27 PM, 7 pm, [registration is required](#)

Did you know that winter is the leading time for home fires in the US? Heating, cooking, and holiday decorations all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months.

How well do you know your fire extinguisher? How will you safely evacuate your home in a fire, if your only route out is via a second story window? October is the perfect time



to prepare your home for the winter, with fire prevention in mind.

In this meeting, you'll learn how to mitigate fire risk and identify common home hazards. You'll also learn what actions to take to avoid injury, when and how to use an extinguisher, and how to exit structures safely. Join your friends at Cedar Hills Ready! Quake Up! and fire marshals from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue for an hour Zoom discussion of these topics. Everyone is welcome, and it's free. Share and invite your friends and family.

Questions? Visit us at [cedarhillsready.org](#) or contact Karen at [info.cedarhillsready@gmail.com](#).

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**Love trees? Join the Treekeepers!**

It's easy to appreciate trees when they are in the glory of their fall colors, but at Treekeepers of Washington County we celebrate trees all year around. Besides being beautiful, trees provide environmental, economic, and social benefits—including fighting climate change—by absorbing carbon dioxide and airborne pollutants, storing the carbon, and emitting pure oxygen. Just one average sized tree produces enough oxygen in one year to keep two people breathing. Their shade reduces heat in urban areas and provides habitat for birds and other creatures. That's a lot to love about trees!

Washington County population is exploding, and there is a pressing need for new housing. Our new all-volunteer group seeks to find ways to achieve that with the least impact for trees. Currently, Washington County has no specific protection for existing trees. While they often require developers to plant a few trees in new development, large trees provide a much greater proportion of benefit for urban areas compared to newer, smaller trees in terms of ecosystem services. These include absorbing stormwater pollutants, cooling urban areas, and creating a sense of

community. Ending deforestation is the best chance we have to stabilize our climate, save wildlife species, and protect our well-being.

Our mission at Treekeepers of Washington County is to protect existing trees in Urban Unincorporated Washington County through community education and advocacy. We have been meeting with our county commissioners and developers to promote the preservation of mature trees; researching nearby city and county tree protection programs and codes; planning for tree inventories in our area; partnering with other environmental organizations; and tracking proposed developments in our urban areas.

Protecting the urban forest is our mutual responsibility. We are all stakeholders in this resource and there is so much that can be accomplished if we work together. Please join us. We can help you to take action! Please check out our website at [treekeeperswc.org](http://treekeeperswc.org), or contact us at [reeswc@gmail.com](mailto:reeswc@gmail.com).

We hope you appreciate the trees that make our county special and livable. Enjoy the fall trees on our Cedar Mill Tree Walk by using our [map for a mobile device](#), or as a [downloadable pdf brochure](#).



**Older Adult Meals in Washington County**

Currently, due to the pandemic, there are no congregate meal sites open. However, if you, or someone you know, would like to receive a meal there are two options. The first is a grab-and-go meal site at the Phât Quang Buddhist Temple located at **4760 SE 160th Ave**, Beaverton. The meals at this site cater to Asian older adults, though all are welcome.

The second option is to receive a home delivered meal through Meals on Wheels People. With the pandemic you do not need to be home bound to qualify for a home delivered meal. To receive a home delivered meal [go to the Meals on Wheels People online meal request page](#) to sign up for the meal delivery.

If you are an older adult age 60+, you do not need to pay for either of these meal options because they are subsidized through the Older Americans Act. However, if you would like, you can donate toward the cost of the meal.

**Inside Washington County Radio**

[Find us on our website](#), on KBOO 90.7FM on Fridays at 6 pm (starting November 5), KXRY 91.1 and 107.1 FM Mondays at noon, and online at [xray.fm](http://xray.fm) and [West-side's Greatest Hits](#) every Saturday at 6:20 pm.

**Week of October 4:** Water in Washington County-Past & Future  
**October 11:** Women in Politics  
**October 18:** Habitat for Humanity  
**October 25:** Encore show-TBA  
**November 1:** Age Celebration—a model for other communities

**Sunset Marching Band Can and Bottle Drive**

Saturday, October 2 and Saturday, November 13, 10 am-1 pm, old Bales Thriftway parking lot, 12847 NW Cornell Rd.

Please drop your donation off at the curb. You can reach us at [samba@sambanote.org](mailto:samba@sambanote.org) with any questions.

## Garden News

### Beware of toxic pesticides!

By Margie Lachman

A company that I had signed up with to spray for ants—because I was told they used Permethrin, an acceptable product for organic use—used a neonicotinoid spray on my garden in June. I was not told that they had switched to this neonicotinoid substance. Permethrin is an insecticide that acts like natural extract from chrysanthemum flowers called pyrethrum. I have not used anything but organic substances for decades, and no new cleaners or chemicals inside.

When my dog came in from the garden the day after the spraying and could hardly walk, I suspected a reaction to the spray used outside the afternoon before. She became so weak an hour later my neighbor had to carry her to my car, and I took her to the emergency veterinary hospital. The vet told me she was covered with hives!

She recovered, fortunately, but I have noticed hardly any insects—especially bees and butterflies—in my garden for four months. I looked for information about the Dinotefuran spray and read that it



A 1997 postage stamp celebrated the Oregon Swallowtail. It's one of many useful and beautiful insects that are harmed by pesticides.

is very toxic especially to bees. It is a systemic insecticide that affects caterpillars and other insects and lingers in the soil for a year or more. This new class of insecticides called neonicotinoids are made from nicotine and are cheap to make.

The bees are in trouble, and we must do what we can to protect them. I urge you not to use any of these chemicals in your garden! There are safer controls available that don't harm the bees and us.

My lavender plant in the front garden is normally covered with dozens of honeybees and bumblebees, but this year I only observed a few on the flowers. My butterfly bush in the back is visited by

butterflies, especially the Oregon swallowtail, all summer. Not this summer. I am home all the time healing a broken arm and have seen only one or two swallowtails all summer. My hope is they will be back next year.

Questions? Email me at [margierose2@gmail.com](mailto:margierose2@gmail.com) or leave a message at 503-645-2994.

### Master Gardeners: Adapting Your Garden and Landscape for Climate Change

Tuesday, October 12, 3-4 pm, online, [free, register here.](#)

Extreme weather events in 2021 have included a damaging ice and windstorm, and most recently, a record-breaking heatwave. These events have hit Pacific Northwest gardeners and landscapers hard. We are accustomed to a Mediterranean climate with mild, wet winters and warm, dry summers. With climate change, we can expect more variability in our weather with more frequent and intense weather events. How are these extreme events affecting your plants? Learn strategies to adapt gardens and landscapes to these new conditions.

About the presenter: Weston Miller is a community and urban horticulturalist for OSU Extension Service. He manages the OSU Master Gardener program in the Portland metro area and works with Metro to reduce residential pesticide use. He also manages the Beginning Urban Farmer Apprenticeship Program in cooperation with Multnomah County.

### Tualatin Valley Creates offers ArtPass

We're excited to announce the official launch of our ArtPass Membership Program! Discover special deals at local businesses such as art supply retailers, coffee shops, restaurants, theaters, and community organizations. For a complete list of partnering businesses, [visit the ArtPass directory.](#)

As the state slowly continues to re-open after being shut down for over a year, revitalizing the arts and entertainment industry is more important than ever. TVC's goal is to help in this effort while creating an intentional community connected to its 20-year strong organization. For more information visit [tvcrates.org/artpass](http://tvcrates.org/artpass).



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Devt. News, continued from page 1 lot would not be large enough to support the convenience store component, which they say subsidizes the low profit margins of a fuel operation.

While a half-street improvement on West Union would normally be required, the developer says that the county already has plans to add an additional eastbound lane to West Union adjacent to the development. It's unclear whether they would pay into the road fund for their share of that future road work.

Updates will be available on the [county "Projects Under Review" page](#) where you can sort by CPO number (CPO 7) and click on the

life in the nature preserve. THPRD, which manages the wetland and its fish and wildlife habitat, open space, and bicycle path, has not objected to the project but noted that they want to see the sidewalk along West Union connected. That is included in the plan.

The application includes a study by 3J Consulting Inc. that shows that all runoff from the impervious surfaces will be treated by high-tech filtration systems and then conveyed by pipes to the existing sewer system, and eventually discharged into Bethany Lake.

A group of neighbors, Friends of Bethany Lake, are organizing to oppose the development. They formed last year when the application was first introduced and grew into a larger group advocating for and protecting the community's natural areas and resources. They don't believe that



Case File link (L2100244) to see the latest information.

Neighbors are concerned that the station, next to the Bethany Lake Wetland, will create an environmental hazard and disturb wild-

significant variances from the NC zoning are justified. For more information and to join in their effort, contact [BethanyLakeFriends@gmail.com](mailto:BethanyLakeFriends@gmail.com).

### Our Victorian lady

Many neighbors have noticed a tall slim young woman strolling the area in Victorian dresses. She's often called "Mary Poppins," but her real name is Adelaide Beeman White, and we asked for her story!

She became interested in history as a child, learning about castles and dreaming of a different world. At 22, she recently graduated from college and plans to go to law school and focus on environmental law.



Embroidered trim enhances this waistcoat

She started sewing her own outfits a few years ago and enjoys the interest she draws from passers-by. Fabric is expensive these days, so she

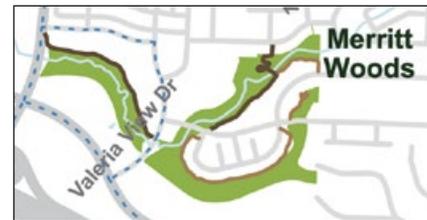
finds old fabrics at Goodwill and other resale shops. She enjoys the detail that sets Victorian clothing apart from modern garb.



### Peterkort annexing remaining property into Beaverton

Beaverton has received a "Petition for Consent Annexation" for a strip of land east of Valeria View. Lina Smith, Beaverton Associate Planner, says, "The property contains a THPRD trail and natural resources including a stream, a Metro Upland Habitat area, and Metro Riparian Habitat areas. The property is also located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Special Flood Hazard Area and Floodway. The assignment of the applicable City of Beaverton zoning and land use designations upon annexation will not eliminate the existing trail or natural resource designations on the subject property." That means any kind of development is unlikely.

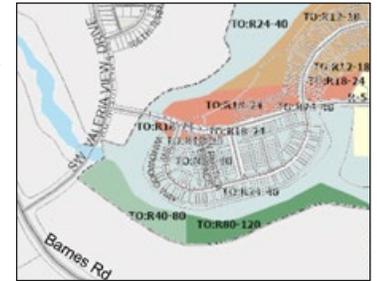
Four Washington County zoning designations—from 18 to 120



Wetlands in green, THPRD trail in brown

lots per acre—currently apply to the land. Smith notes, "Based on the Urban Planning Area Agreement (UPAA) between the City of Beaverton and Washington County, three out of four of those Land Use Districts—Transit Oriented Residential (TO):R24-40, TO:R40-80, and TO:R80-120) will be automatically assigned to the City of Beaverton's Sunset Center High-Density Residential (SC-HDR) zone upon annexation, through a non-

discretionary procedure. City staff will also recommend the assignment of the SC-HDR zone and SC



land use designation to the portion of the property that is located in the TO:R18-24 Land Use District to Planning Commission, as this portion is subject to a discretionary procedure.

Peterkort Company president Lois Ditmars says the request is

to consolidate all their area holdings under one jurisdiction. The remainder of their land was [annexed into Beaverton between 1997 and 2011](#).

Ditmars also said that the Sunset Transit Center Parking Lot opening is on hold because TriMet rider-

ship has decreased to the point that the existing parking lot isn't as full as it used to be, because of the pandemic. She also noted that they are talking to several potential tenants for the Peterkort Towne Square center but can't share details until contracts are signed. We'll let you know as soon as we hear!

### Viva Village events

Participate in Viva Village's October events! RSVP is recommended for all events by calling 503-746-5082 or emailing [vivavillageevents@gmail.com](mailto:vivavillageevents@gmail.com). Information regarding these events can be found at the [Viva Village calendar page!](#)

### Aging with Grace

Saturday, October 30, 1-4 pm

Powering Through our Ever-Changing World: How do we use what we've learned to move to a "new normal?" Join us for insightful presentations by psychologist Meghan Marty, Ph.D. and gerontologist Carolyn Aldwin, Ph.D. accompanied by small group discussions.

Find more [on the website](#) or in the web version of Cedar Mill News.



## Join an advisory board, represent your community!

Boards and commissions in Washington County, the City of Beaverton, and Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District have openings, and they are the perfect way for individuals to explore their interests while giving back to their community. Serving on a board or commission allows residents to make their voices heard, meet others with similar interests, and play a role in decisions that involve them.

### Washington County Boards and Commissions

The Washington County Board of Commissioners is accepting Board and Committee applications through November 2 (or until all vacancies are filled). The application portal and a [detailed list of vacancies can be found on the County's website](#). Here are a few examples of WashCo opportunities.

#### Aging and Veteran Services Advisory Council

This Council plans for future services and reviews current programs for veterans and the elderly. Consumers over age 60, minorities, an elected official, Veterans Healthcare Provider, Veterans Provider, general public, under 60 veteran, and rural are among the categories who should be represented.

#### Planning Commission

Nine Washington County residents serve on this board. No more than two members can be principally engaged in the buying, selling, or development of real estate or be engaged in the same occupation. This commission advises the Board of County Commissioners on land use and transportation while conducting public hearings, making final decisions on land use plans, and conveying recommendations to the Board. This is a four-year term with a time commitment of five to ten hours per month.

#### Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) Advisory Committee

Committee members must be residents or business owners in the ESPD. This advisory committee works with the Sheriff and other officials from the Sheriff's Office to review and recommend aspects of police service. This council will decide on long-term Sheriff/enhanced law enforcement and community partnership programs.

#### Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)

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

#### Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee (URMDAC)

URMDAC is comprised of ten Board-appointed residents of the Urban Road Maintenance District, all of whom serve as regular members, and two ex-officio members. They review and make recommendations regarding URMD's level of service and annual work program, assist in evaluating the cost effectiveness and efficiency of URMD, inform URMD activities and advise on continuation of URMD and/or other long-range funding opportunities for road maintenance.

#### North Bethany County Service District for Roads Budget Committee

This committee consists of the Board of Commissioners plus five additional residents of the county, who reside in the North Bethany CSDR. Committee members will review the proposed budget for the North Bethany County Service District for roads in unincorporated Washington County.

#### Behavioral Health Council

19 members who are Washington County residents or have work interests in Washington County are needed for this council. The council will identify community needs, recommend funding priorities, and help select and evaluate service providers.

#### Public Health Advisory Council

The Council consists of 15 to 17 members representing diverse backgrounds in Washington County alongside a non-appointed, non-voting position from the Board of Commissioners. Preference of membership will be given to members of communities that experience health and social inequalities. The Council will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners and the Public Health

Division Manager to improve the health and well-being of everyone in Washington County.

#### Public Safety Coordinating Council

The Public Safety Coordinating Council is made up of 15 members required by statute, two of which are non-voting members. This Council was formed to develop and recommend plans for the use of state resources respective to the coordination of local criminal justice and juvenile justice policy.

#### Beaverton Boards and Commissions

The City of Beaverton is also seeking community members who are interested and available to participate in various boards and committees. The application portal, alongside a full list of boards and commissions, can be found at the [City of Beaverton's website](#).

#### Beaverton Arts Commission

This commission celebrates our diverse community through art by advocating for the arts, supporting city arts events, and advising staff and City Council on arts-related issues.

#### Diversity Advisory Board

The Diversity Advisory Board promotes policies and practices that build equity and inclusion in city government. Priorities include these eight key areas: language access, individual and family support, public safety, economic opportunity, infrastructure and livability, health and wellness, city practices, and multicultural community center.

#### Library Advisory Board

The Board serves in an advisory capacity and approves expenditures from the Library Trust fund.

#### Planning Commission

Reviews and recommends changes to the City's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinances, and other long-range planning and development policies and ordinances. The Planning Commission considers issues involving subdivisions, annexations, capital improvements, transportation and circulation.

#### THPRD Advisory Committees

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District encourages community members to apply for openings on the district's three Advisory Committees and its Budget

Committee. [Applications are available on the website](#). The deadline to submit applications is Monday, October 25. Advisory Committee volunteers review plans, provide feedback, and take part in lively discussions about district programs, facilities and parks.

#### Nature & Trails Advisory Committee

Share your enthusiasm and expertise for natural resource management, environmental education, wildlife, and trail development and use.

#### Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee

Focus on park design, helping making spaces accessible to everyone, community gardens, dog parks, athletic facilities, and historic properties.

#### Programs & Events

Advise the district on what programs should be offered and expanded, provide input on district-wide community events, and review programming content in recreation, sports, aquatics, environmental education and more.

People of all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to apply, including high school age youth. These positions are critical to represent the broad perspectives of district patrons. Applications will be reviewed, and appointments made by the THPRD Board of Directors. Terms will begin in January 2022.



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#### Free lacrosse skills clinics offered this Fall

Sundays, October 10, November 14, and December 12. One-hour session, 10:30 or 11:30 am. Grades 1-8. Indoor Goals, 13840 NW Cornell Rd, Portland, OR 97229

Fall 2021 new/developing player clinics are for girls and boys grades 1-8 with no or up to two years of experience. No equipment is required—we'll supply it all! Clinic start time will be either 10:30 am or 11:30 am (depending on gender/grade), which we'll communicate as we get closer to the start date and know how many players we'll have. For more information, and to register for one, two, or all three of the clinics, please [visit our website!](#)

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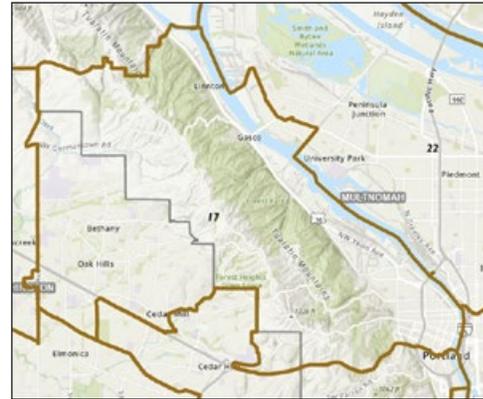


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Redistricting, continued from page 1  
deadline for both plans being final is one month before the March 8 deadline for filing for the May 17, 2022, primary election. The Legislature and the Supreme Court did not change those dates.” (Other redistricting deadlines were changed because the census information was late in arriving.)

So what will happen once it all



New Oregon Senate District 17 boundaries. Steiner Hayward will continue until 2023.

shakes out? Who will represent us and when will the new districts get new representatives? Some of our currently serving reps no longer live in the new districts.

Wong sorted it out for us this way. “State legislators continue to serve their current districts through the end of their elected terms (to Jan. 9, 2023). However, if they want to seek new terms, they will have to run within their new districts in the 2022 elections.

“Obviously, all 60 representatives are up in 2022 because they have two-year terms. As for the senators, there are 15 who would be in the middle of their four-year terms, but they would NOT have to run in 2022.”

**Transit news**

**“A Better Red” increases Red Line airport service**

The project will extend the **MAX Red Line west into Hillsboro and Beaverton** to serve 10 more stations. The Red Line currently only runs between the Beaverton Transit Center and PDX. A new Gateway North Station will be built for trains com-

**Representative Dexter’s constituent in-person and virtual events**

**Forest Park Walks**

Tuesday, October 12, 8 am, 4099 NW Thurman St.

Please join me on my final morning walk and talk event of the year. We will meet by the

information board, rain or shine, just past the green gate at the beginning of Forest Park’s Leif Erikson trail. We will walk and talk as we proceed up the main trail and will head up the trail starting promptly at 8:05 am sharp, so don’t be late and wear comfortable walking shoes! This is an out and back walk; you may join us for as much of the walk as you choose.

**Town Halls**

Saturdays, October 30, November 13, December 11, 10-11 am, via Zoom.

Register for the **October, November,** and **December** meetings.

We will have special guests and important topics to debate and discuss at our upcoming town halls. Our first Zoom (on October 30) focuses on gun violence in Portland and includes local leaders for this important conversation.

I will still be available over Zoom, and if you prefer, my office can help set up a time for meeting. The best way to reach me is through my email at [Rep.MaxineDexter@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.MaxineDexter@oregonlegislature.gov).



ing from PDX, and track between the Gateway Transit Center and Portland International Airport will be improved. The goal is to increase reliability on the Red Line and keep trains running on time throughout the entire MAX light rail system.

The Federal Transit Authority recently announced a \$99.9 million construction grant award to TriMet for the project. Construction has begun. The new service begins in 2024. [Sign up here](#) to get TriMet updates in your inbox.

**Park News**

**THPRD hosts their fourth Talking Walls event**

Saturday, October 23, 11 am-2 pm. Howard M. Terpenning Complex, 15707 SW Walker Rd. To RSVP, please email [l.ballesteros@thprd.org](mailto:l.ballesteros@thprd.org). Free.

Join seven amazing Latinx artists, alongside THPRD, Color Outside the Lines, and the Five Oaks Museum for a day of mural making, art and conversation. The theme for this event is Belonging, and supporting themes include community, resilience, youth, presence and home.

This event is intended to unite local youth and explore socially relevance in all forms of expression. Space is limited. Youth in attendance will receive a bag filled with art supplies and other creative items. Lunch is provided, and all activities are held in compliance with COVID-19 measures.

For more details of past events visit [Talking Walls](#).

**High honors for THPRD's visioning process**

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) was honored to announce that the district's visioning process was selected for two national awards from IAP2: the Public Involvement Project of the Year and the Core Values Award for Respect for Diversity, Inclusion, and Culture. The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is an international federation of public involvement professionals working in 26 countries to advance best practices in public participation in government decision making.

Judges included professionals in public involvement from throughout the U.S. According to judging comments, it recognized THPRD for an "inclusive, whole-community approach" that "sets a standard for 21st Century participation." As the

winning project from the United States, THPRD will now advance to international competition.

Board President Tya Ping said that THPRD is "honored and humbled" to have received both awards and recognized the efforts of our visioning volunteers and staff, especially for exhibiting racial equity values by "leading with intentionality to connect with underserved and BIPOC communities." The 13 volunteers from the district's Visioning Task Force began in the summer of 2019 by spending five months on intense community engagement to help identify public priorities and to set the stage for the district's future



planning efforts. These efforts included speaking with people, collecting ideas, participating in engagement events, engaging with youth, engaging with underserved populations through language support, and using focus groups with community-based organizations.

The Vision Action Plan was adopted by the THPRD Board of Directors in September 2020. To learn more about the district's visioning process, [visit the website](#) or [watch a short video](#).

**Commonwealth Lake Park improvements need your support**

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District is putting together



grant funding requests to support replacement of the weir that helps regulate the height of Commonwealth Lake and the multi-modal bridge that spans it.

The loop trail around the lake sees more than 125,000 users in an average year! This project would retain the capacity to manage water levels in the lake as needed and would improve accessibility of the

loop trail around the lake by widening the bridge, using more slip-resistant surfaces, and repaving sections of asphalt leading up to the bridge that could create mobility hazards.

THPRD has asked CPO 1 to support the project, and we'll be voting at our October 12 meeting to send a letter. But they can use community support as well! To learn the best way to express your approval for the project, contact Cindy Dauer, THPRD Grant Specialist, at 503-619-6752 or [c.dauer@thprd.org](mailto:c.dauer@thprd.org).

**Volunteer to improve our parks**

Bring your family and participate in keeping our natural areas healthy and clean by joining one or more of these events! Please bring a reusable water bottle to drink from during each session. Tools and gloves will be provided; no gardening experience is necessary. [Register here for the event you want to join](#). [Visit this page](#) to see restoration projects in other area parks.

**Jackie Husen and Jordan Park**

Saturday, October 23, 9-11:30 am, 10955 NW Reeves

Help us remove Himalayan blackberry from the natural areas of Jackie Husen Park and Jordan Woods! Please bring a reusable water bottle to drink from throughout the day. Tools and gloves will be provided.

**The Bluffs Park**

Saturday, October 30, 9-11:30 pm, 11945 NW South Dr.

Help us remove English ivy from the natural areas of The Bluffs Park! Please bring a reusable water bottle to drink from throughout the day. Tools and gloves will be provided.

**Community Garden Work Party at Bethany Lake Park**

Saturday, October 30, 9-11:30 am, Bethany Lake Park, 5061 NW 185th Avenue

Help us spruce up the Community Garden at Bethany Lake Park! Volunteers will help weed and mulch, as needed.

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instructor. Go home with painted textile art samples that may be used for gift giving or other uses. Bring clothing or fabric you want to paint on.

**Kim Black: Pine Needle Basketry—In-person class**  
Friday, October 22, 8:45 am-2:45 pm. Maximum 10 students. Masks required.

This one-day class will cover 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. This class is a fun way to learn a new skill. All supplies are provided by instructor. Bring your lunch.

**Kim Black: Beginning Gourd Class**  
Saturday, October 23, 8:45 am-2:45 pm. In-person class. Maximum eight students. Masks required.

This class will cover the basics of working with gourds. We will learn how to clean, cut, dye, wood burn, paint and add pine needles to a gourd. The class does not require previous pine needle basketry skills. Please bring an apron, a mask and any designs you may wish to put on your gourd. Bring your lunch.

**Jean Anderson: Watercolor Batik**  
Wednesday, November 24, 10 am-1 pm, via Zoom. Maximum eight students. One session class.

This is a fun and interesting technique on nontraditional paper using centuries-old batik techniques to create beautiful watercolor batiks. I will provide you with tips on painting with watercolor on rice paper, including the type of rice paper to use. You will learn how to mask using wax with an old brush or traditional batik tools. Full written instructions are included with the class. Recordings of each class will be available for a limited time. A detailed supply list is provided upon enrollment.

**Celebrate International Credit Union Day with Sunset Credit Union**

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unions? Because each credit union puts an emphasis on providing service to its members and local communities. That local service—community by community—contributes to a global reach to more than 291 million members.

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Credit unions strive to make the world a better place for their members by offering affordable rates and high-quality service that simplify their lives and empower them to meet their financial goals. Visit Sunset Credit Union to learn more about how their products and services can simplify your life.

Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Washington County. For more information, stop by their office—1100 NW Murray Blvd #200—or [visit their website](#).

**Bring sorted recyclable material to James Recycling**

Saturday, October 16, 10 am-12:30 pm, Columbia Sportswear Headquarters, 14375 NW Science Park Dr.

James Recycling is collecting sorted recyclable materials at their October recycling drive. Pricing is set at \$3 per five-gallon bag of recyclables and \$3 per 39-gallon trash bag of Styrofoam. For a list of accepted items and the payment portal, please [visit their website](#).

Two vendors, Simple Sundries and OkiDoki, will have a selection of their products available for purchase at the drive. Additionally, Simple Sundries will set up a collection table for personal care pumps. These pumps include lotion pumps and hand soap pumps that can be recycled.

**WashCo News**

**Proposed TVF&R Bond Measure 34-308 on November Ballot**

The only measure Cedar Mill area voters will be asked about in the November ballot will be whether Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue



can issue \$122 million in proposed general obligation bonds for emergency services.

If the proposed bond measure passes, TVF&R would use proceeds to: Replace response vehicles as they reach the end of their useable life; Fund fire station projects including seismic upgrades, security features, expansions, or living quarter modifications at 10 of 29 stations; Rebuild the King City fire station at the existing location; Relocate the Aloha fire station to a more central location; Fund safety upgrades for TVF&R's training center; and Purchase land for future fire stations in areas where growth is expected to occur.

Due to declining debt on existing bonds, the proposed measure would maintain the current rate of \$0.1415 per \$1,000 of assessed value unless assessed property values decline. For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the estimated cost of the proposed bonds would continue to be about \$42.45 per year or \$3.54 per month if the measure passes. If the proposed bond measure does not pass, the proposed safety projects, land, and equipment purchases would not be completed, and the tax rate would decrease.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, call Cassandra Ulven at 503-649-8577.

**May 2022 primary**

District 2 Commissioner Pam Treece and County Chair Kathryn Harrington are both running to keep their seats. The primary will be in May: races are decided by a majority of the vote. We haven't heard about opponents at this time. Other races in May include District Attorney. We'll follow local election news as it becomes available.

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**School News**

**32nd Annual Sunset Classic Marching Band Competition**

Saturday, October 16, Sunset High School  
 Opening Ceremonies for Prelims at 12:45pm; SAMBA Performance at 3:07pm; Preliminary Awards 3:32pm; Opening Ceremonies for Finals at 5:30pm; SAMBA Performance at 7:52pm; Final Awards at 8:27pm.  
 Adults \$15, Students and Seniors \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, Under 6 free. Pay at the gate with cash or a credit card.

Sunset High School will again be filled with the sound and spectacle of marching bands from around the



Band Photo by White Space Photography

Pacific Northwest during the 32nd annual Sunset Classic, hosted by SHS's competitive marching band, Sunset Apollo Marching Band and Auxiliary (SAMBA), along with the SAMBA volunteers and the Northwest Association for Performing Arts (NWAPA). Ten bands from Oregon and Washington, including SAMBA, will perform and compete for trophies in categories such as music, visual, and general effect.

The Sunset Classic is the primary event to raise money supporting all band programs at SHS throughout the year. Under the direction of Greg Hall, Director of Bands, Sunset enjoys one of the premier band programs in the Pacific Northwest. Students are offered a wide variety of musical alternatives including marching band and color guard, jazz band, funk band, and symphonic band.

SAMBA strives to keep the programs accessible to all interested students, regardless of their ability to pay. It takes over \$100,000 a year to support the Sunset High School band and color guard programs. The school district cannot fund these activities. Without community support these opportunities for participation and leadership would disappear.

SAMBA could not exist without community support, volunteers, and brilliant students. The band and color guard thanks all the

volunteers, guests, and bands that will be going to the Sunset Classic. SAMBA also thanks those who donate their cans and bottles, the poster sponsors, and all other supporters of the band and color guard.

If you can't attend but want to donate, [visit the donation page on the SAMBA website](#). For questions, email [samba@sambanote.org](mailto:samba@sambanote.org).

**Tumwater Middle School launches theater program**

The Beaverton Education Foundation (BEF) held a blitz fundraising drive to provide seed money for

Tumwater Takes the Stage, an effort to kickstart a theater and drama program for our newest school.

The

initial project raised \$3500 in one month—with matching funds from BEF—to get the program up and running. BEF is able to provide these start-up and matching funds with contributions from our community throughout the year. A great way to continue to support Tumwater Middle School and all 54 schools in the District is through our [donation portal](#). That gives BEF the flexibility to allocate funds to schools and projects with the most need!

Due to Covid-19 concerns, TMS Theatre's premiere year will host two productions, but they plan for three each year in the future: a traditional play, a one act festival, and a musical. Ticket sales from these performances will go to fund the program the following year, so come and see them!

**2022 Sunset Grad Party October Fundraisers**

A committee of parents is starting to plan and raise money for the traditional end-of-term party for 2022 graduating seniors. We'll continue to bring you information about fundraisers and other ways you can help celebrate these young people!

**Willamette Valley Pie Sale**

Submit your order by October 22.

Pie pick-up will take place at

Sunset High School on November 6, 11 am-12:30 pm. For more information email [gradparty@sunsetpto.com](mailto:gradparty@sunsetpto.com). You can [order online and pay via credit card](#) here. OR you can download the form found at that page and turn it in/mail it to Sunset High School along with your check payment.

**MOD Pizza Fundraiser**

Wednesday, October 20, online or in store

Visit [MOD Pizza's online order website](#) and use the coupon code of "GR201556S" and 20% of your meal's price will be donated back to Sunset High School Grad Party.

Or visit the location at 2695 SW Cedar Hills Blvd Suite 190 and they will take your order from their storefront for take-out. Mention that you are with Sunset High School Grad Party before placing your order.

**Bethany Public House Fundraiser**

Wednesday, October 27, 4840 NW Bethany Blvd

Take out or dine in—mention the Sunset Grad Party and they will contribute to our cause!

**Bottle & Can Collection**

Sunday, October 31, 12 noon-4 pm, Findley Elementary parking lot, 4155 NW Saltzman Rd

Bring us your clean bottles & cans.

**Ask WCSO**

**What are some things I can do to make my home less attractive to crime?**

Have you seen or heard about the "9 pm Routine?" It has become a popular way for folks to protect their home and property. We encourage community members every night at 9 pm—or earlier during our shorter winter days—to lock up property, turn on lights, and bring in valuables to reduce the likelihood of falling victim to property crimes. This campaign has worked successfully throughout the country, including in Washington County!

- Pack Up - Bring in valuables from your car, yard, and patio
- Lock Up - Your car, house, windows, garage, gates, and shed
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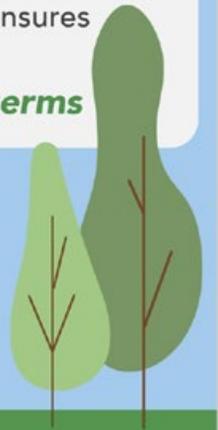
# APPLY TODAY! Advisory Committees

THPRD is recruiting new volunteers to join the district advisory committees. Members provide advice and review district work in the following areas:

- **Nature & Trails** – guides management of natural resources, associated community engagement, trail use, development.
- **Parks & Facilities** – reviews development and use of outdoor physical assets, buildings, and associated community engagement.
- **Programs & Events** – with an emphasis on **diversity, equity, and inclusion** ensures THPRD meets program service delivery goals.

**Committees meet once a month ● Members serve two-year terms**

Applications due: **Mon, Oct 25, 2021**  
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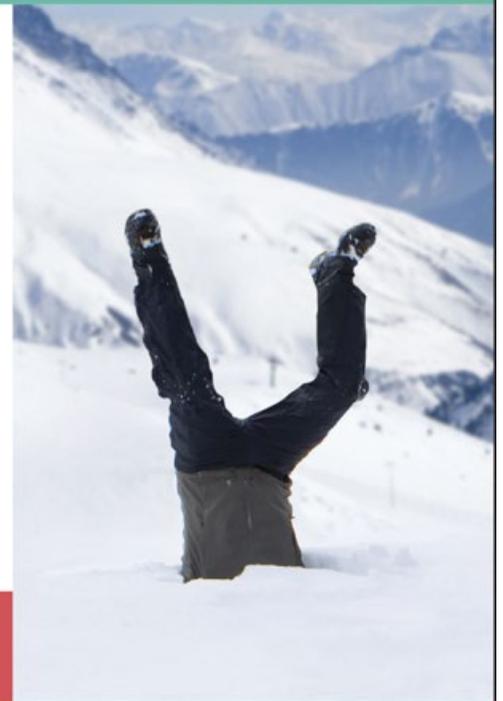


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