The people behind The News

By Cami Villanueva

This month, Cedar Mill News wants to celebrate all the hard work that makes this community newspaper possible. The News wouldn’t happen without the local community members who put in the hours to serve the Cedar Mill Area. We’ve asked both CMN staff and volunteers about their experience being part of the Team.

Tori Jimenez

Tori has been a part of the Cedar Mill News Team for a little over a year now. She began editing for CMN when she saw an ad in the News itself asking for help. Since she’s a stay at home parent and has experience in content writing for both a school and ministry website, she thought she could help out, especially given “what appealed to [her] the most was that CMN is a local town paper run by volunteers that care about the community and that [she] would be able to contribute.” Outside of CMN, Tori enjoys reading and creating art and hopes that she can begin her volunteer work again in young adult youth ministry. She is taking a brief maternity leave but will be back with us soon.

Sue Wendel

Sue is a veteran CMN editor, volunteering for over three years. She joined the editing team because she’s “a very community focused person… [and] felt like being a volunteer editor for CMN would be fun, interesting, and a good way to connect with the community.” Sue is truly a community person as she also volunteers as a folk dance coordinator at Leedy Grange, reads for SMART, and is a part of a variety of local committees. On top of her volunteerism, Sue also part-time teaches public speaking through PCC Community Ed. Outside of work and volunteering, Sue’s “day job today is to enjoy life after many years of a 9 to 5 workday” which includes gardening, hiking, meditation, and traveling.

Mark Lewis

Mark is another CMN veteran whose job is to deliver paper copies to all the various distribution stations in the area. Ever pick up a copy of CMN at Insomnia Coffee, Safeway, or the Library? Mark delivered those! Four years ago, Mark saw an ad in the News requesting help, and he answered the call. Continued on page 6

Habitat protections take another hit

By Treekeepers of Washington County

Rapid development in Washington County has taken a toll on the large, mature trees that have made it such an inviting place to live.

A recent application in Cedar Mill was submitted and approved by the County. This 15-home, four-acre development is in a protected Significant Natural Resource area (SNR).

WashCo News

Law enforcement collaborates with Jiffy Lube to deter catalytic converter theft

Jiffy Lube, in partnership with the Beaverton Police Department and the Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah, and Washington County Sheriff’s Offices, held a joint press conference to provide information about a crime prevention service offered by Jiffy Lube.

The service includes a bright stripe painted onto a vehicle’s catalytic converter using high-temperature paint. Once painted, service technicians will engrave the vehicle identification number (VIN) into the catalytic converter.

The hope is that this service will dissuade potential thieves from stealing catalytic converters, make it easier for law enforcement to track, and provide a pathway for district attorneys to prosecute offenders of this crime.

The service, which takes less than 10 minutes, is being offered at no cost in 46 Portland, Vancouver, and Salem locations, and appointments are not required.

Auditor report critical of county efforts to diversify advisory boards

Washington County is the most diverse county in the state. In February 2020, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an Equity Resolution in which it committed the County to “dismantling long-standing … practices that … historically created obstacles to the success of people of color [and] members of ethnic communities.” Continued on page 5

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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

77 Fitness opens December 6

The beautiful new adult fitness facility in the Milltowner Center is finally opening! They still have a few things to finish, but they are offering members three group classes per week and will grow from there. Learn more from our November feature article and get details on membership and more at the Sunset Athletic Club website.

Sunset Credit Union teams up with Family Promise of Washington County

Now-December 16, Sunset Credit Union, 1100 NE Murray Blvd

Help make the holidays better for those in need. One simple donation can make all the difference. 2020 has been quite the year. For some people living in Washington County, it’s been even tougher, which is why Sunset Credit Union is teaming up with Family Promise of Washington County to try and brighten the holiday season and support those less fortunate.

If you’d like to help Sunset Credit Union support Family Promise for residents of Washington County, you can drop off your gift card donation anytime in the Night Drop drawer, just to the left of the entry vestibule. You can also make cash donations directly to Family Promise by visiting their website.

Sunset Credit Union is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Washington County. To learn more, visit the website at ssfcu.com, or contact them at 503-643-1335.

DuFresne’s 19th annual Free Brakes

Bring a grocery bag of food to DuFresne’s Auto Service and you will get a Free Brake Inspection. If you need pads and/or shoes you will get them for free. You just pay the labor. Food donations go to Portland Rescue Mission.

ASL Classes

I offer live American Sign Language (ASL) classes tailored for businesses, families, and individuals. Learn more and sign up on the website.

The ASL curriculum will focus first on ameliorating mistakes I’ve seen from having taught a multitude of ASL students—namely related to facial expressions. The rest of the curriculum will have a multitude of ASL and Deaf Culture topics, including myths about deafness and the Deaf community, proper use of pronouns, introductory dialogues in ASL, emotions, noun-verb pairs, negatives, classifiers, describing people, directional signs, English-ASL translation and many more.

Want to learn ASL? Contact me about tutoring and classes. Anne G. Livesisgde, agliversidge@comcast.net. Also, check my website www.signclass.org

North Beaverton Ski and Snowboard bus

Four Sundays in January: January 8, 15, 22, and 29

This program is sponsored by Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort and is organized by parent volunteerchapteres. The bus takes first graders through high school up to Mt. Hood Meadows to learn to ski or snowboard. Learn more and sign up here.

Mild Recession Forecasted for 2023

By Jan Dempsey, Windermere Realty Group

A mild recession appears more likely than not in later 2023. With inflation remaining well above the Federal Reserve’s target, expectations are that interest rates will need to be higher and held there.
Celebrate Locally!  Shopping, Events, Connections...

**Cedar Mill Holiday Tree**

Sunday, December 11, 4:30-5:30, lighting at 4:45, Milltowner Center Plaza, corner of Saltzman & Dogwood

For the first time ever, Cedar Mill will have a Tree Lighting and a community Holiday Tree! A small group of neighbors coalesced around Chris Mattock’s question in the Cedar Mill News Group, a restricted Facebook group for neighbors to post. Sign up and answer questions to join.

Shopping center management agreed and facilitated the installation, and the community donated funds to purchase a tree and decorations through a GoFundMe. Some talented singers will join in for group caroling. The tree is small this year, but we anticipate making this an annual event. We’re talking about creating a Cedar Mill Community Club to organize more community events, since we don’t have a city to do it! Stay tuned for more information about that!

**Holiday Service of Remembrance**

Saturday December 10, 2-3:30 pm, Skyline Memorial Gardens, 4101 NW Skyline Blvd, free. RSVP to 503-292-6611

Please join us for a Service of Remembrance and Candle Lighting. In celebration and remembrance this holiday season, all are invited to join us for a special holiday event. You may also come visit us at any time to place a Remembrance Ornament on our Holiday Tree.

**12 Kegs of Christmas**

December 7-18, Cascadia Taphouse, 13619 NW Cornell

12 Kegs O’Christmas is BACK for year 3 with Cascadia Heights! Seasonal stouts, porters, and winter warmer style crafties will be tapped every four days. Collect all 12 beers to be entered into the Super Ultimate Grand Cascadia Taphouse 12 Kegs of Christmas Sweepstakes!

Prizes include CTH branded 64 ounce GrowlerWerks uKeg and fill up; One-off CTH 12 Keg of Christmas Shirt; choice of CTH merch. Additional winners will be selected to receive 12 Kegs of Christmas shirt, CTH merch, growler fill ups, and brewery merch.

Here’s the rub: each beer will only be on tap for four days. Miss a beer and miss your shot at the Sweepstakes. Make every day count. Entry and Collection is simple: Pick up a 12 Kegs of Christmas stamp book (to be stored at CTH) for $1; Purchase at least five ounces from the Christmas keg; Untappd Check In Each Craft at Cascadia Taphouse. More event details on our Facebook page!

**Insomnia Holiday Makers Market**

Sunday, December 11, 8 am-5 pm, 12355 NW Cornell (Milltowner)

Shop beautiful hand-made goods and gifts created by local makers and artisans.

**Portlandia Brass Ensemble - Let’s Do This! Holiday**

Saturday, December 10, 5:30 pm

You’re invited to an in-home holiday concert. It’s been a while, and we miss our friends and family holiday get-togethers. It’s put together through this organization called Groupmuse, and their goal is to bring people together around great art through these live music house parties. In other words: everyone comes over, we’ll hang out, make friends, listen to an hour of amazing music, and go home happy.

Reserve your spot by registering: $5 registration fee, $20 at the door.

Learn more and register here.

**Christmas tree recycling supports Scout Troop 207**

Drop off: December 31, January 1, 7, 8, 9 am-3 pm, Cedar Mill Safeway parking lot. Curb-side pickup: sign up online after December 10, or call the Troop 207 Recycling Hotline at 971-266-1550. Suggested donation $10. Sorry, no flocked trees can be accepted.

That time of year is coming once again when you have to make a decision on how to get rid of your fresh Christmas tree, wreathes, swags, and garlands. Sure, you can take the time to take the wreath and garland apart and cut up your Christmas tree and over the course of two or three weeks, cram it all into your yard debris container—or you could support Troop 207 and donate it all to our annual Christmas Tree Recycling Drive.

Every year Troop 207 drives through Cedar Mill and Bonny Slope neighborhoods picking up trees and other fresh holiday decorations, taking loads

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Opinion: Re-Imagining the Hillsboro Airport

By Miki Barnes, founder of Oregon Aviation Watch

According to a Feb. 14, 2021, Oregonian article, “The Port of Portland is considering a major overhaul...the restructuring is part of a sweeping philosophical shift away from facilitating trade for powerful business interests to a ‘shared prosperity initiative’ intended to spread the wealth to people of color, the poor and the marginalized. In some cases, that could mean selling off profitable operations in order to pursue these new, broader aims, which are taking root amid a resurgent civil rights movement.”

The executive director of the Port, Curtis Robinhold, admitted that “The Port was formed in 1891 to benefit exporters of wood and grain—white men who owned businesses.”

The Port-owned and -operated Hillsboro Airport (HIO) remains a testament to the racist, white-privileged values that continue to permeate Port culture. It primarily serves the less than 1/4 of one percent of the population certified to fly in Oregon. Of that number, 92% are men, the majority of whom are white.

HIO, the largest general aviation airport in the state, does not generate revenue. In fact, it loses money every year despite receiving millions of dollars in FAA and state handouts.

Residents of Washington County, the most diverse jurisdiction in the state, are routinely hammered by users of HIO who have a long history of dousing Hillsboro and the surrounding community, both urban and rural, in a steady stream of noise, lead emissions, and other pollutants.

In addition to private, corporate, and recreational pilots, student pilots are recruited from around the world, so that “white men who own businesses” can turn a profit. Among the worst offenders are the flight training schools—Hillsboro Aero Academy (HAA), ATP, and Alaska/Horizon. HAA is owned by two east coast private equity firms—Graycliff Partners and Renovus Capital. According to its website two-thirds of the pilots trained by the academy are from overseas. ATP is headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware.

In addition, Max Lyons, the owner of Hillsboro Aviation and manager of the Hillsboro Aero Academy, profits from selling fuel. The majority of flights in and out of HIO are piston engine aircraft that rely on leaded fuel. As a result, this airport, the largest facility source of airborne lead pollution in the state, ranks eighth among 20,000 airports nationwide in lead emissions.

There are numerous options for a more sustainable and environmentally responsible use of the approximately 900 acres of land upon which HIO is located. The Pearl District in downtown Portland is home to over 6,000 residents. Situated on 301 acres, it has many shops, galleries, and restaurants. Three walkable, public transit-oriented neighborhoods the size of the Pearl could fit on the land now being used by HIO.

The University of Oregon, with over 18,000 students, is located on 295 acres. Three universities the size of U of O would fit on the HIO property. An educational setting of this nature could promote international student exchange programs that foster respect for the rights of local residents to enjoy their homes, free from the noise disruptions and pollution generated by the aviation sector. Students and faculty from countries around the globe could gather together to explore ways to share, honor and preserve this community.

A park on this property could encourage plant, animal, and human life rather than systematically poisoning it. By cultivating a relationship with a biodiverse environment, the natural world could be nurtured and embraced rather than treated as hazards to be eliminated and destroyed.

There are many creative, life-affirming possibilities for the land upon which HIO is now located. The focus of repurposing and reimagining could be on integrating indigenous wisdom traditions, building sustainable communities, reducing greenhouse gases, welcoming diversity, and promoting democratic engagement while prioritizing economic equity and environmentally responsible decision making.

Aviation is one of the most polluting forms of transportation on the planet. To protect and preserve the environment for current and future generations, we need to explore, identify, and champion alternatives to the Hillsboro Airport.

This letter was also published in Hillsboro News Times.
to ensure membership reflects the racial diversity of the region have “barely moved the needle.” Increases in the diversity of membership have barely kept pace with increases in the diversity of the County population, the Auditor said. Commissioners received the Auditor’s report without question or comment.

See the Auditor’s presentation to the Board here. Cedar Mill News will follow up on this next month, since it has a direct relation to the ongoing issues that our CPO system is facing with the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (OEICE) that took over management of the program and

PlanetCon returns!
Saturday, January 14, 11 am-2 pm, PCC Rock Creek campus, 17705 NW Springville Rd, parking lot E and building 9

Plan now and start collecting items for this great event! Let us help you find a place to take certain things you no longer need. Learn more on the website, but here’s a preview!

Shop the really, really, free table! Drop-off and/or pickup items with a winter holiday decor theme.

Get something fixed with Repair Fair—small household items. Donate usable items—bicycles, eyeglasses, hearing aids, warm winter clothing, and hygiene items will be collected for those in need.

Drop-off items for recycling and proper disposal. Batteries, medications, sharps, and CFL’s that also manages county efforts to increase diversity throughout its agencies and boards.

New Commissioner Districts adopted
On November 29, the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted new boundaries for commissioner districts through Ordinance 893 in a four to zero vote following a public hearing. The reapportionment change will take effect on December 28, 2022, which is in time for candidates for district commissioners to apply for the 2024 election.

Most of the changes don’t affect Cedar Mill area residents since District 2, currently represented by Pam Treece, loses a little area west and south of us.

Special Recycle+ string lights collection
January 9-20, contact your hauler to schedule

Available to Recycle+ customers in urban unincorporated Washington County and North Plains on your scheduled collection day between January 9-20. Include Small string lights, LED string lights and strings without lights. Don’t include rope lights, novelty lights if you cannot remove the novelty bulb, inflatable yard figures or any other holiday decor. Learn more here.

CPO News
December meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 7-9 pm, via zoom

After the Land Acknowledgement and updates from our service providers, we’ll share any development information we have received and provide time for announcements. Around 7:30 we’ll hear from Sarah Beachy, Community Partner Coordinator, about the BEF. The Beaverton Education Foundation raises money to provide hands-on, innovative, academic programs and projects. These innovations go beyond normal school funding to ensure students have an opportunity to learn, thrive and reach their highest potential. Sarah Beachy will join us to describe some local projects that need support, and how we can be more involved.

At 8:10, Senator Elizabeth Steiner will visit to report on Oregon’s reproductive freedom protection and more. Senator Steiner will discuss her work with the Reproductive Health and Access to Care workgroup this summer. Additionally, she was involved with SJR 12 which became Measure 111 (Guaranteed Healthcare for all Oregonians) that was passed during the November election. She will discuss the history and implementation of that measure. Click the zoom link to join the meeting live or watch it later on our YouTube Channel. We have been live-streaming our meetings since before COVID. Like or follow our Facebook page for timely announcements of interest to all our neighbors in CPO 1 (Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, Bonny Slope). We’re going to explore resuming in-person meetings after the first of the year, but we’ll continue to stream them live and record for later viewing. We think our content is too good to only share it with those who can attend on a weekend!

WashCo Bikes clinics
Women only bike repair clinic
Wednesday, January 4, 6-7 pm
Repair clinic open to all
Sunday, January 8, 10:30-noon

Instructors will guide you on making minor repairs, changing a flat, etc. Light refreshments are available.

Please pre-register with a refundable $20 registration fee. Use this link to register.

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Snow removal response times may increase due to operator shortage

Plowing roads may take longer this winter due to a shortage of snowplow operators. Washington County’s road-crew staff is down by about 25%. Transportation agencies nationwide are facing similar staff shortages and are struggling to hire qualified plow drivers.

As a result, plowing and sanding may take longer when winter storms hit. Crews will focus on plowing priority routes first. These include major corridors and routes most used by emergency services.

"Though we may not be able to match the level of service that we’ve achieved in the past, we are prepared to work around the clock to clear and sand roads," said Keith Lewis, Operations Superintendent. "We ask travelers to be patient and take precautions if they must use the roads during wintery conditions," said Todd Watkins, Operations and Maintenance Division Manager. "Our crews will be hard at work.”

Cindy Schaufenbuel

“I met Virginia Bruce at a neighborhood gathering shortly after my family moved to Cedar Mill from Austin in 2019. I knew about the Cedar Mill News already, because I had come across the website while doing research on potential communities for our Portland-area home. The previous calendar volunteer was moving on, so there was an opening, and Virginia offered it to me! Virginia is famously persuasive, but I wanted to get involved with the community and didn’t need much of a nudge to accept immediately. I’ve been volunteering with the CMN ever since.

Updating the online calendar has been a great way for me to learn about local happenings. Of course, that has led me to join some of those groups, events, and programs, hosted by the Cedar Mill Library, the Tualatin Valley Soil and Conservation District, the Farmer’s Market, and others. Since I climb through the website to find events to add, I read the entire CMN every month and have learned a lot about local planning, businesses, history, and all the other news.

I started making sack lunches for Blanchet House to distribute to homeless neighbors as another safe volunteer project I could do from home during the pandemic. The program is ongoing and is a great family or group activity. I play folk and historical harp, and have some in-person and online harp students. I also work part-time as a para educator substitute for Beaverton School District. My favorite assignments are working with reading teams at elementary schools.

Cami Villanueva

Cami is the youngest of volunteers and has been helping CMN for five years. She learned about the editing position through her friend and took up the work because she loves to write and support the community. Her favorite part of volunteering is meeting CMN readers (who are always so kind) and seeing copies of the News throughout the community. Other than CMN, Cami has her life full with college and day jobs. She attends the University of Portland studying to become a high school educator of English Language Arts and English Language Learning. Between classes and homework, Cami is a para-educator substitute for the Beaverton School District and a writing tutor at her college.

Tolling Ahead for I-5 & I-205

Tolling is coming to I-5 and I-205 corridors beginning as early as 2024. As it moves forward, ODOT is asking for input on pricing and other issues related to its Regional Mobility Pricing Project.

ODOT proposes variable-rate pricing as a way to reduce congestion and provide safer and more predictable trips for travelers. In addition to congestion and safety, the study will also look at social equity, economic impacts, and vehicle re-routing.

Public comments can be submitted using the Regional Mobility Pricing Project Scoping Comment Form through Jan. 6.
The LCDC authorized their director to issue an order describing the reasons for this decision and appoint a hearings officer to conduct a contested-case hearing sometime in 2023. The Commission will take it up again in April 2023.

The case is related to the 2017 enforcement order requiring Washington County to update the SNR regulations and guidelines to comply with Oregon’s Goal 5. This is good news for Community Participation Organization (CPO) 4M, and Jill Warren and the Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) SNR subcommittee, who have been working to keep Washington County in compliance with Statewide Planning Goal 5.

County planners have been warning developers proposing new projects on these significant natural resource sites that they may face appeals and challenges. But meanwhile, developments are being permitted that might not be allowed if the statewide goals were being applied. It’s a loophole, and builders are making the most of it.

Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation (LUT) have stated that they will be rewriting its rules again, but those might not be complete until the end of 2023. They are hiring a consultant to help with that work, planning a limited update of the county’s wildlife habitat inventory, analyzing potential impacts to natural resources, and refining regulations to further meet Goal 5 requirements as required by the LUBA remand — a process that will take about 18 months. Watch for a public process that will allow members of the public to weigh in before Washington County Board of Commissioners will vote to approve or reject the new rules.

Washington County’s population rose from 153,814 in 1969 to 600,811 in 2021, for a net gain of 290.6%. The forecast shows that we are expected to gain over 200,000 new residents by 2045. Deciding how that growth takes place — and how it affects our urban forest — is something we desperately need to address.

**Some history**

The path of county regulations over natural resources and open spaces has been complex. In the 1980s, the county identified Significant Natural Resource (SNR) Areas to comply with statewide planning Goal 5.

In 2005, in concert with Metro’s planning efforts, the county adopted a comprehensive program that included guidelines for permitting housing developments. In 2017, the state legislature required that local governments adopt and apply only ‘clear and objective standards’ to regulate those housing developments. At that time, areas with mapped SNRs were not included, because those areas were not considered “buildable land.”

In June 2020, LCDC ruled that the county was out of compliance with statewide planning goals and ordered the county to stop processing housing development applications for Goal 5 significant natural resource areas until the county adopted new regulations that were “clear and objective.”

In October 2020, the county adopted Ordinance 869 A, which revised the standards in Washington County’s Community Development Code (CDC) chapter 422 to make them “clear and objective.” Ordinance 869A took effect in December 2020, lifting LCDC’s enforcement order. Ordinance 869A gave developers the right to remove up to 85% of a significant natural resource.

In September 2021, Ordinance 869A was appealed to LUBA by CPO 4M. LUBA agreed that code standards were not clear and objective and remanded the issue back to the county. That means that the county falls back on its old rules, which is why it can grant approval for developments like the Estates at Lealhy Park. We’re back to the same problem: the county has no enforceable protections for significant natural resources.

**Looking forward**

We know that developments are inevitable and necessary. But we hope that the county and developers would look at more creative solutions to protect our most precious natural resources and allow trees to coexist with coming developments.

**Sign our petition**

Meanwhile, in an effort to help spur protections for trees, Treekeepers of Washington County is circulating a petition that urges our County Commissioners to initiate a countywide urban forestry program to offset the negative impact of increasing housing development on tree canopy and the localized impact of climate change.

Sign up to receive our Newsletter, read the archives, and consider getting involved with our group if you want to protect the tree canopy.
School News

**BEF funding benefits all Cedar Mill schools**

Beaverton Education Foundation (BEF) supported 112 academic programs and projects that reached 32,857 students in every one of Beaverton’s 54 public schools last year. During the 2021-2022 academic year, BEF invested $358,060 throughout the District, including the seven Cedar Mill-area schools.

Through three of our cornerstone funding initiatives, Beaverton Choice, Kids Count Grants and Safe, and Sound 4 Student Success we supported student learning at each of the schools in the Cedar Mill area: Bonny Slope Elementary; Cedar Mill Elementary; Findley Elementary; Oak Hills; Terra Linda Elementary; and Raleigh Hills Rebuild projects.

As part of a BEF Kids Count Grant, 400 students at Cedar Mill, Cooper Mountain, Ridgewood, Springville, and Terra Linda Elementary Schools had take-home summer learning kits. Summer Boost bags were customized and assembled at the schools with math games and student-selected books.

The Beaverton Education Foundation is celebrating its 35th anniversary. Since 1988, BEF has invested $5.25 million in programs and projects at Beaverton’s schools, fulfilling our mission to mobilize community resources and help ensure our District’s 39,000 students have equitable opportunities to reach their brightest future.

BEF is the only organization with the sole purpose to support Beaverton’s public schools. Your continued support will ensure even more programs and projects will be made possible in Cedar Mill schools.

More about how you can make an impact today at beavertonEDfoundation.org. Follow them on Facebook here.

**BSD public outreach**

Beaverton School District is launching Engage BSD, a new online platform where you can weigh in on current projects that matter to you, your children, and our community. It uses various tools like open discussion forums, surveys, polls, and idea generators to get your feedback. Depending on the tool, you’ll also be able to see what others in our community are thinking. The idea is for you to have one place to come and share your input on a variety of district projects.

On Engage BSD right now, you’ll see an Attendance project, where we’re asking students and parents who are struggling with regular and consistent attendance (missing 2 or more days per month) to fill out a short survey to help us better understand the barriers they’re facing and what their schools can do to help. There’s also a section called Stories where students can share their struggles in a different way.

You’ll also find information about our Strategic Plan project plus the Beaverton High School and Raleigh Hills Rebuild projects. Finally, you can see an ongoing project called Superintendent Connect, which highlights in-person listening sessions and coffee chats with Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas.

To access Engage BSD, you can either go to the website directly or from the district website’s homepage, you can click on “Engage” in the top navigation bar. To participate, we ask that you complete a one-time registration. Please know that the district will NOT be tracking your input by name but instead by category. For example, we’ll pull data regarding how students, parents or community members respond, not how individuals respond. You also can comment anonymously on discussion boards by choosing your own username.

Please take a moment to register and begin to engage.

**Walk + Roll Art Contest**

Safe Routes to School invites all Beaverton Elementary and Middle School students to participate in our January Art Contest! Enter to win fun prizes, including a new scooter and helmet! Visit [www.beaverton.k12.or.us/safe-routes](http://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/safe-routes) for contest details. This year’s theme is “Rethink Your Ride.” There will be nine grade-level prize winners and two grand prize winners selected. All entries must be received by January 31, 2023.

**Oak Hills Scholastic Online Book Fair**

December 7-14, online at Over 6,000 books to choose from via this online shopping platform. Books make great gifts for family and friends! Proceeds help purchase books for the Oak Hills Elementary School Library! For questions contact Leilani Larsen via the website.

Deadline extended to apply for Language Arts and English Language Proficiency Project Team

Students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members are encouraged to apply to serve on the Language Arts and English Language Proficiency (LA/ELP) Project Team. Participants do not need to be familiar with both components. The Project Team will review existing LA/ELP curriculum
and practices to make curriculum adoption recommendations to the School Board. The Project Team is an important part of the BSD Quality Curriculum Cycle (QCC), which provides a systematic means for making decisions about the curriculum review, revision, development and adoption of practices and instructional resources.

The application deadline has been extended to December 31 at 4 pm. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve students visit the web page here.

PCC bond will benefit Rock Creek campus

A $450 million PCC bond passed overwhelmingly in the midterm elections, with about 60% voter support. That money will go toward expanding career technical education spaces at the PCC Rock Creek campus in Washington County as well as basic facility updates at other campuses for things like accessibility, lighting, ventilation, and plumbing. Read more in this report on the OPB website.

Learn and enjoy dances from around the world!

Thursday, December 15, 11 am- noon, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman Rd, free. Space is limited, please send attendance reply to Sue at pifdnews@gmail.com.

In this introductory session, long-time folk dancer, session leader, and instructor Sue Wendel will share the joy of folk dances from around the world. We’ll learn a couple of Eastern European and Israeli dances, and even an easy line dance from South Africa. No experience or partner is necessary. Everyone is welcome. Masks optional, and please, no street shoes on the dance floor.

Light Up a Life

Thursday, December 8, 6 pm, online. To register call (503) 648-9565, or visit CarePartnersOR.org.

Light up a Life, part of our palliative and hospice services, is offered to help families and friends come together to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones. This celebration of life service provides a time to be comforted and to share hope with others. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Care Partners is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services to individuals and families dealing with all types of serious illness diagnoses. Learn more here.

Park News

Winter Registration is Here!

Saturday, December 3, 8 am for in-district; Monday, December 5, 8 am for out-of-district

Register online at thprd.org/portal. It’s the fastest, easiest way. Walk-in registration is available at all THPRD facilities or by phone at 503-439-9400. Winter registration covers classes from January-April 2023.

Financial Aid is Available:

THPRD offers financial assistance to people to help offset the expense of registering for classes. Households whose income fall below the Federal Free Meal Guidelines can receive up to $200 per person annually in fee waivers. For a family of four, this would result in having $800 per year to register for THPRD programming. Learn more and apply for financial aid here.

Holiday Gift Card Drive Underway

Now through December 8

Once again THPRD is partnering with the Beaverton School District (BSD) to support BSD students and families in need. THPRD will collect gift cards for grocery stores, local merchants, and larger retailers, to donate to BSD families. Suggested donation amounts for the gift cards are: $5, $10, $25, or $50. Please bring your gift card to one of our facilities by December 8.

Winter Break Camps

Looking for fun ways to keep your kids engaged during winter break? We’ve got you covered at THPRD! We’re offering a host of Winter Break camps at various centers throughout the district. Visit the web page to find the right camp for the young person in your life.

Personal Training Available at THPRD

THPRD offers personal training at Cedar Hills Recreation Center, Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, Garden Home Recreation Center, and the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center. We have knowledgeable, certified personal trainers who are ready to create a plan to help you reach your goals.

Whether you want to lose weight, run a marathon, or just become a healthier you, our trainers will give you the tools that you need to get there! Check out THPRD’s personal training options.

Holiday News, continued from page 3 back to a central location where it is all picked up at the end of each day and taken to a local company for grinding into bark dust and mulch.

For over 25 years, this has been the only fundraiser of the year for Troop 207. The boys work hard on cold, rainy (and sometimes snowy) days to pick up and dismantle wreaths, swags, garlands. Donations support all the troop activities for the entire year as well as pay some of the fees for individual troop members to attend summer camp.

Flyers will be delivered on December 10 to eligible neighborhoods, so watch your front porch for your notice. If you don’t receive one, feel free to email us at scouts.ortroop207@gmail.com.

Troop 207 meets every Tuesday, 7:30 pm, at the Christ United Methodist Church. All boys ages 11-17 are welcome! Email scouts.ortroop207@gmail.com for more info.

December Viva Village events

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

Age Café

Friday, December 2, 11-12 pm, Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St

Small group conversations exploring new topics each month of interest to older adults. This month Age Café features a speed-friending format, a good opportunity to connect with new people. Registration optional.

Online Viva Village 101

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

A fun and informational session about Village life for prospective members and/or volunteers. RSVP for Zoom link.
Business News, continued from page 2 longer than previously thought.

There are three reasons why a milder recession is to be expected. First, business, financial markets, and households all indicate that they expect today’s high inflation to slow in the years ahead. Second, it has been difficult to find workers for the past handful of years. Firms do not want to let go of workers, and likely will hold onto workers even as sales slow in the years ahead (Labor Hoarding). Third is the strong financial position households are in. Consumer spending is expected to hold up well in the pending recession in large due to the higher level of household savings.

There Is No Housing Bubble:

there will be year over year price declines in 2023, and there will not be a systemic drop in home values. As financing costs start to pull back, that will allow prices to resume their long-term average pace of growth.

Mortgage Rates Will Drop: rates will remain above 6% until the fall of 2023 when they should dip into the high 5% range. While this is higher than we have become used to, it’s still more than 2% lower than the historic average.

Don’t Expect Inventory to Grow Significantly: there will not be a significant increase in the number of homes for sale throughout 2023, as many homeowners do not want to lose their low mortgage rate.

Sellers Will Have to Become More Realistic: Higher mortgage rates and lower affordability are limiting how much buyers can pay for a home. Listing prices will pull back further in the coming year, which will make accurate pricing more important than ever when selling a home.

It would be my pleasure to answer any questions you may have regarding our real estate market. Please don’t hesitate to call: 503-706-6358.

Dine out and donate

Tuesday, December 6, 3 pm to close, Oswego Grill, 3211 SW Cedar Hills BL

Oswego Grill is donating 100% of profits on this day to Open Arms International, to provide over 250 children and staff of Open Arms Village in Kenya with a Christmas celebration to remember. Learn more about the Clackamas Oregon-based organization on their website.

Healthy pets through the holidays

Bethany Family Pet Clinic wants to remind you that the holidays are prime time for your pets to get into all sorts of goodies—from leftovers left on the table to baby socks for your darling niece, to new toys left out by your tiny cousins. Be sure to keep a close eye on them during the holiday festivities, and don’t stray too much from their normal menu. Super rich foods like gravy or ham can cause stomach upset or pancreatitis, which is a painful inflammation of the pancreas. Those tiny toys or tinsel can cause intestinal blockage that needs endoscopic or surgical correction.

Holiday Happy Foods: Pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling); Green Beans; Carrots; Apples; Corn (not on the cob - that can cause a blockage); Cooked Sweet Potatoes

You Better Watch out! Onions; Garlic; Yeast/Bread Dough; Alcohol; Chocolate; Cinnamon/Nutmeg; Raisins/Grapes; Poinsettias.

If your pet finds themselves on the naughty list and isn’t feeling well, please give us a call. We also may be able to prescribe something to help with the stress of having guests over—unfortunately just for the fur kids!

Holiday hours: Christmas Eve: Close at Noon; Christmas Day: Closed; New Year’s Eve: Close at 2:00pm; New Year’s Day: Closed.

If you have a pet emergency during these days/times, please call Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital at 503-328-7281 or The Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Tualatin at 503-691-7922.

Bethany Family Pet Clinic is located in Bethany at 15166 NW Central Drive. Visit them online or call 503-614-9061 for more information.

Generosity - The Root of Great Leadership

A local high school water polo team reaped the benefits of a special kind of leadership this past season. Coach Scott Raegen led his team with not only an expert knowledge of the sport, but his energy and enthusiasm for each athlete’s personal journey truly shined as he paid special focus on the needs for nutrition and refueling after sometimes grueling tournaments!

Several years ago, Scott started a company aptly named Coach’s Kitchen. He has created a nutritious, convenient, compact, and delicious “mini meal,” fashioned after the British “pasty.” These little meat and vegetable packed pastries have been geared toward refueling the needs of athletes.

After his team meets, he shares these treats with his athletes and his generosity and kindness are much appreciated by busy parents pressed for time but dedicated to healthy children. But ultimately and more importantly, will be the effect his leadership, caring, and generosity will have on those young athletes he coaches.

You may have tried the pasties when Raegen had a booth at the Cedar Mill Farmers Market. If you miss them, you can order from his website! Follow along on FB/IG: coachskitchenpdx.
**Garden News**

**It’s ivy pulling season!**

Ivy (Hedera species) are evergreen climbing vines. They grow in thick mats, blocking sunlight and preventing other plants from getting established. This creates what is known as an “ivy desert,” where ivy may seem like entirely different gardening areas, their one major similarity is the use of potting soil. Visit the WCMGA website for more classes and information.

**10-Minute University offers videos and more**

Clackamas County Master Gardener Association offers 10-Minute University™ in collaboration with and in support of the OSU Extension Master Gardener™ Program. Programs are available online and are free for all. The 2023 online seminar series will kick off in January with three classes—Pruning Trees, Pruning Shrubs, Pruning Fruit Trees. Look for details in the January newsletter. Sign up for the newsletter here, and learn more about the program here.

**Leaves: Bring ‘em or leave ‘em**

Clean Water Services reminds us that it’s actually okay to leave the leaves! They make fine mulch for your plants to keep the roots a little warmer through the winter, and by spring they will have mostly dissolved into the soil. And your neighbors will thank you for not running the leaf blowers.

But it’s not okay to leave your leaves on the street. Leaves that collect around storm drains can cause flooding, and your neighbors will not thank you for that. Leaves were a little slow to fall this year, and there won’t be any more street-sweeping this year.

Visit the Leaf Disposal page on the CWS website to learn more.

The last Leaf Disposal & Food Drive event is on December 10 at the CWS Field Operations location. Bring leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings, loose or in a paper bag (no plastic). Limit debris to 50 lbs. per bag. The program is for residents, not commercial operations. They will also collect monetary and food donations for local food banks.

This program is funded by Clean Water Services’ $10.14 per month surface water management (SWM) fee that pays for flood management and water quality protection and improvement programs including street sweeping, 24-hour emergency flood response, catch basin cleaning, water quality monitoring, watershed planning, and public education.

**Holiday Book Sale**

Visit the mezzanine to find Holiday and winter-themed books, CDs, and DVDs for adults. Shop for kids at the Children’s Book Sale table near the front door. Available while supplies last.

**Winter Reading Challenge: Winter Nights & Cozy Reads**

December 1-31, All Ages

Read this December and help our community! Every hour you read will increase a donation to the Oregon Food Bank (up to $1,000). Reading includes being read to and listening to audiobooks. Everyone can participate. Help us reach our goal of 10,000 hours this winter! Track your reading on the Beanstack app or with a paper log from the library. Learn more at Library.CedarMill.org/readsow.

**For Multiple Age Groups**

**How to D&D**

Saturday, December 3, 1-3 pm, Adults & Teens 11+, Bethany Library Annex (BLA)

Level Up Your Roleplaying! Boost your confidence with roleplaying, teamwork, and improvising in Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition.

**So You Want to Be a Dungeon Master**

Saturday, December 17, 1-3 pm, Adults & Teens 11+, Cedar Mill Library (CML)

Learn how to make a great game and handle problems in Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition. Registration Required for both events. Learn more at Library.CedarMill.org.

**Glass Bead Ornaments with Daniela Mahoney**

Thursday, December 8, 6:30-7:30 pm, Adults & Teens 11+, BLA, Registration Required.

Create glass bead ornaments inspired by Czech and Slovak traditions. All materials will be provided.

**Winter Night Astronomy**

Friday, December 16, 6-7:30 pm, Adults & Teens 10+, CML, registration required.

Join Rose City Astronomers for an outdoor stargazing tour highlighting the treasures found in the winter night sky. Observe planets and deep-sky objects via high-powered telescopes at the Cedar Mill Library. Recommended for ages 10 and up. In case of clouds, we will switch to an indoor presentation. Bring lawn chairs and warm clothes or blankets. Learn more at Library.CedarMill.org.

**Kids**

**LEGO Free Play**

Saturday, December 10, 10:30 am-12 pm, Ages 5+, CML

Drop in to build with LEGOs.

**OBOB Trivia Grades 3-5**

Tuesday, December 27, 10:30 & 11:30 am, Zoom; Wednesday, December 28, 10:30 & 11:30 am, CML, Thursday, December 29, 10:30 & 11:30 am, BLA. Registration Required for All Events.

Test your individual OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) knowledge! Questions will be the same at each event—please only attend one. Learn more at library.cedarmill.org/kids/oobob.

**Find more fun for kids at Library.CedarMill.org/Events/Kids**

**Teens & Tweens**

**Teen Crafternoon: Painted Wood Ornaments**

Saturday, December 10, 3-4:30 pm, Ages 11-18, CML

Paint wintery designs on wooden ornaments. Registration Required. Learn more at Library.CedarMill.org.

**OBOB 6-8 Division Trivia Battles**

Thursday, December 29, 2-3 pm & 3-4 pm, Hybrid: Zoom and CML.

Join us in person or online. Bring a smartphone or tablet to battle other kids in our Kahoot trivia sessions. Registration required, please register for only one time. Learn more at Library.CedarMill.org.

Visit Library.CedarMill.org/Teens to find resources for teens and tweens.

**Adults**

**Tech Open Lab**

Tuesday, December 13, 1-3 pm, CML

Get started with basic computer skills and practice with devices like laptops, tablets, and cellphones.

Learn more about library groups and events for adults at Library.CedarMill.org/Adults.

**Writer’s Mill**

Sunday, December 18, 1-3 pm

Local (and less local) Cedar Mill writers will meet online and at Cedar Mill library, when we celebrate the year’s writing achievements and make plans for 2023. What topics would you like us to cover in the coming year? What support would you want from a local writing group? Contact the library for more information (including the zoom link).
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