CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT QUARTERLY
Serving Communities With In-Active Citizen Participation Organizations (CPOs)

CPO 11 (Gaston, Laurel, Cherry Grove) • CPO 12C (Cornelius) • CPO 12F (Forest Grove)
CPO 13 (Gales Creek, Roy, Verboort) • CPO 14 (Banks, Buxton, Timber, Manning)

Oregon State University Extension Service supports CPOs through an intergovernmental agreement with Washington County, the sole funder of the CPO program. Extension CPO coordinators provide information on land use and livability issues, resource referrals, and work with CPO members to increase understanding of public policy and decision-making processes.

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Two Important Meetings June 8, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

Two important meetings are being held on the evening of June 8, 2010. One is the DEQ informational meeting about the Nature’s Needs food waste composting facility. The other is the Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting. The Board of Commissioners engrossed/amended Ordinance No. 733 the proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan to adopt urban reserves and designate rural reserves. There will be two hearings: June 8, 2010, 6:30pm and June 15, 2010, 10:00am.

Since both of these are good opportunities for citizen participation in the local government’s decision-making process, we encourage attendance at these meetings.

DEQ Information Meeting about Nature’s Needs
Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
Jessie Mays Community Center, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, North Plains

Further information at:

WC Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, June 15, 10:00a.m.
Public Services Building, Huffman Auditorium, 155 N. First Street, Hillsboro

Further information on the BOC at: http://www.co.washington.or.us/BOC/
Further information on Ordinance No. 733 at:
http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/2010-land-use-ordinances.cfm
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<td>1000049 Type II EFU</td>
<td>Daniel and Linda Shaw 44355 SW Plum Lee Rd Forest Grove</td>
<td>Health hardship – installed manufactured home for disabled parents</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period occurred 3/23/10 to 4/6/10. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000063 Type II EFU</td>
<td>Clean Water Services 4036 Half Mile Lane Forest Grove 97116</td>
<td>Review of wetlands restoration and floodplain alteration (550 feet) or a streambank stabilization of Gales Creek.</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
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<td>1000092 Type III AF-5</td>
<td>Larry Williams 44975 and 45095 SW Seghers Rd, Gaston 97119</td>
<td>Comprehensive plan amendment from Agriculture and Forest – 5 acre district (AF-5) to rural commercial (R-COM) and rural industrial (R-IND).</td>
<td>Application received. Public hearing occurred 5/19/10, 7:30PM. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000155 Type II EFC</td>
<td>AT&amp;T 54000 SW Hankins Rd Gaston 97119</td>
<td>Wireless communication facility consisting of monopole and radio equipment within leased compound.</td>
<td>Application received. Awaiting public notice.</td>
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<td>0900367 Type II AF10</td>
<td>Anna O. Hart 36785 NW Long Rd. Cornelius 97113</td>
<td>Renewal of a temporary health hardship permit.</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
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<td>1000007 Type II AF5</td>
<td>Portland General Electric 42311 NW Wilkesboro Rd Banks 97106</td>
<td>Special use and development review for the expansion of PGE’s Banks substation and a drainage hazard area alteration for a new driveway.</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
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<td>1000026 Type II AF5</td>
<td>Keleo Creations, Inc. 53875 NW Our Lane Gales Creek 97117</td>
<td>Renewal of a home occupation permit for a radio controlled model airplane exhaust manufacturer, “Keleo Creations, Inc”.</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
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<td>1000032 Category B EFU</td>
<td>ODOT Westbound Sunset Hwy 26 at McKay Creek and E. Fork Dairy Creek</td>
<td>Development review &amp; flood plain alteration for 2 bridge replacement projects along west bound Sunset Highway 26 at McKay Creek and East Fork Dairy Creek</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
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<td>1000048 Type II EFU</td>
<td>Clare Braukmann 3105 NW McKibbin Rd Forest Grove 97116</td>
<td>Temporary health hardship dwelling renewal.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period occurred 3/23/10 to 4/6/10. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000052 Type III AF5</td>
<td>St. Francis of Assisi Parish 39135 NW Harrington Rd Banks 97106</td>
<td>Special use approval for rural Catholic Parish campus, including church, school, rectory, convent and proposed multi-purpose parish use building.</td>
<td>Denied. A letter of intent to appeal has been filed.</td>
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<td>1000063 Type II EFU</td>
<td>Clean Water Services 4036 NW Half Mile Rd. Forest Grove 97116</td>
<td>Stream and wetland enhancement</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
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<td>1000076 Type II EFU</td>
<td>Ireland &amp; Ireland PC 9003 NW Highway 47 Forest Grove 97116</td>
<td>Renewal of a home occupation permit for a law office.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period occurred 4/6/10 to 4/20/10. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000138 Type II EFU</td>
<td>George and Sharon Lippert 11440 NW Highway 47 Forest Grove 97116</td>
<td>3-parcel partition and miscellaneous review for 2 dwellings.</td>
<td>Application received. Awaiting public notice.</td>
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## Washington County Land Use and Development Applications

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<td>0900368 Type II AF5</td>
<td>Ben and Eileen Duyck 14200 NW Sellers Rd. Banks 97106</td>
<td>Preliminary review request for a 2-lot partition “Sellers Road partition,” pursuant to a Measure 49 claim 49CL0578.</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
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<td>1000057 Type III AF20</td>
<td>Norman and Vicki Ballou 16335 and 16465 NW Davidson Rd, Banks 97106</td>
<td>Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Map to change the site from an AF-20 designation to an EFC designation.</td>
<td>Hearing: May 18, 2010. Staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request with conditions identified in the staff report. This hearing may meet the criteria for an expedited hearing.</td>
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<td>1000064 Type II EFC</td>
<td>Five Star Builders, Inc 24217 NW Bacona Rd Buxton 97109</td>
<td>Modification of conditions of case file 09-316-DEFC to change dwelling location and convert and retain existing structure as accessory structure.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period occurred 3/23/10 to 4/6/10. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000078 Type II AF20</td>
<td>Aileen Maller 14585 NW Maller Rd. Banks 97106</td>
<td>Renewal of a temporary health hardship dwelling.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period occurred 4/6/10 to 4/20/10. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000085 Type II EFC</td>
<td>Don Herb Construction 26535 NW August Buxton 97109</td>
<td>Accessory structure in the EFC district.</td>
<td>Application received. Awaiting public notice.</td>
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<td>1000151 Type II AF5</td>
<td>Donald and Sandra Copeland 14809 NW Eberly Rd. Banks 97106</td>
<td>Modification of conditions of approval of casefile 08-168.</td>
<td>Application received. Awaiting public notice.</td>
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Type II land use applications have a 14-day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless the decision is appealed. All Type III land-use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building.

Mailing Address: Washington Co. DLUT, 155 N. First Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124.
http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31 Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908

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**Interested in starting a CPO in your area?**

*Please call us to discuss how we can make that happen.*

**For the Forest Grove, Cornelius, Gales Creek, Roy, Verboort,**

contact Linda Gray 503-821-1123 Linda.gray@oregonstate.edu

**For the Banks, Manning, Timber, Buxton, Gaston, Laurel, and Cherry Grove areas,**

contact Margot Barnett 503-821-1114 Margot.barnett@oregonstate.edu
Welcome to the Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) Newsletter!

The CPO program provides somewhere to turn when you want to have your say or learn about community issues. If there is an active CPO in your area, a monthly newsletter includes articles specific to your neighborhood and will keep you informed about local land developments and transportation plans. More importantly, it will include an agenda encouraging you to come together with CPO volunteers to meet your local sheriff’s deputy or fire district personnel, and engage you in discussion with elected and public officials on topics such as:

**Land Use:** Residential Density, Fragmented Sidewalks, Urban Growth Boundary Expansion, Industrial Areas

**Transportation:** Public Transit, Plans for new or expanded roads, Bicycle Safety, Pedestrian needs, Traffic Congestion

**Public Health and Safety:** Mental Health Services, Homelessness, Animal Services, Environmental Health, Crime Prevention

**Natural Resources:** Parks and Natural Areas, Trails and Access to Natural Areas, Groundwater issues, Wildlife Habitat

**Livability:** Nuisance properties, Growth issues, School Funding, Noise and Light Pollution

Your interests help create the agendas for monthly meetings facilitated by volunteers where your advisory comments will be heard and respected.

Please consider attending a CPO meeting near you:

CPO 8 (North Plains, Helvetia, Mountaindale) meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. North Plains Fire Station, 31370 NW Commercial, North Plains

CPO 10 (Laurel, Farmington, Scholls, Chehalem, Mountain, Groner meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00PM at Jackson Bottom Wetland Education Center, 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy.

CPO 15 (Fern Hill) meets every other third Wednesday at 7:00PM at the Forest Hills Golf Course.

Please look at CPO newsletters and agendas at [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo)

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### 2010 Food Preservation Classes

Oregon State University Extension Service is offering food preservation classes again this year. Class size is limited, preregistration is required. Cost is $20.00/class, $70.00 if all 4 classes are taken. All classes are offered 1:00PM to 4:00PM and repeated 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

**Wednesday, June 23rd, 2010:** **Jams and Jellies:** Basic canning techniques will be used. Low sugar and freezer jam options are included.

**Wednesday, July 21st, 2010:** **Fruits and Pie Fillings.** Learn to control the amount of sugar and how to can fruit in juice and make pie fillings.

**Wednesday, August 11th, 2010:** **Vegetables and Meats.** A pressure canner is necessary for canning all low acid foods such as vegetables and meats. Soups and stews can be prepared for winter use.

**Wednesday, September 1st, 2010:** **Tomatoes, Tomato Products.** Preserve your crop of tomatoes for year-round enjoyment. Try salsa and sauce recipes. Green tomato recipes are included.

All classes will be held at the OSU Extension Service, 18640 NW Walker Rd, Room 1411 East, located in the Capital Center, at the corner of 185th Ave and Walker Roads. Please enter the building at Entrance D-1.

For more information or to register, please call 503-821-1150 or see [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/announcement/2010-food-preservation-classes](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/announcement/2010-food-preservation-classes)
NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program

Agricultural and forestry landowners have the opportunity to apply for the second Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) signup through June 11, 2010. CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland.

CSP is managed by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). For this signup, applicants will compete for funding within state-identified ranking pools.

"Oregon producers fared well in the first-ever signup for the Conservation Stewardship Program held last fall and we look forward to providing this program opportunity to our agricultural and forestry operators," said Ron Alvarado, Oregon NRCS State Conservationist.

In the first CSP signup, over $2.7 million was contracted with 199 agriculture and forestry producers in Oregon. Agricultural producers in the state enrolled into 129 contracts totaling $2,265,857. Oregon forest landowners enrolled into 70 contracts worth $500,346. These contract holders will receive program payments ranging from $500 to $200,000, depending on the acres enrolled, land type, and additional conservation adopted.

Oregon was also selected to receive additional CSP dollars and is in the process of funding an additional $294,260 in forestland contracts and $411,710 in agricultural contracts.

Potential applicants are encouraged to use the CSP self-screening checklist to determine if the new program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments.

It is available from county USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offices or on the NRCS Web site at: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html

Eligible producers may submit a CSP application at any time during the year. Applications are selected for funding after announced cut-off dates, which is June 11, 2010.

For more information about the Conservation Stewardship Program in Oregon, please visit http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov

NRCS is celebrating 75 years helping people help the land in 2010. Since 1935, the NRCS conservation delivery system has advanced a unique partnership with state and local governments and producers delivering conservation based on specific, local conservation needs, while accommodating state and national interests. President Franklin Roosevelt created the Soil Conservation Service, now known as NRCS, in 1935 to help farmers and ranchers overcome the devastating effects of drought, especially in the Midwest and Northern Plains regions.

For application materials and more information, visit the NRCS Web site at: www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp or call 503-648-3174.

How Do I Know Where to Start Saving Energy?

You could be wasting as much as 60 percent of the energy used to heat and cool your home. Leaky ducts, inefficient equipment, poor insulation and air leaks may be inflating your energy costs. To find out what is causing the energy loss, use an online Home Energy Analyzer at http://energytrust.apogee.net/homesuite/calcs/homecalc/ or schedule a Home Energy Review with Energy Trust of Oregon. An energy advisor will come to your home when it’s convenient, spend an hour walking with you through your home and visually assessing typical areas of energy loss. After the review, you’ll get customized recommendations on where to start, plus information on cash incentives available when you improve the energy efficiency of your home. Sign-up online at www.energytrust.org/her for your Home Energy Review or call 1-866-368-3178.
Public Transit for Banks and North Plains

Getting to and from Portland just got a whole lot easier for residents of the cities of Banks and North Plains in Washington County. As of September 13, 2009, Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD) WAVE buses began stopping in Banks and North Plains four times per day, Monday through Saturday, and twice on Sundays.

This expanded service is a result of coordination between Ride Connection, TCTD, and representatives from the two cities. In particular, Ride Connection Service Specialist, Terry Watson, and TCTD General Manager, Matt Mumford, worked tirelessly for the past year to bring intercity service to the cities.

"Terry has done an amazing job to connect all the dots in order to make this happen. Thanks also goes out to Matt Mumford and to Jim Hough, Banks City Manager, David Hatcher, Mayor of North Plains and Don Otterman, North Plains City Manager for their perseverance," said Julie Wilcke, Ride Connection's Chief Operating Officer.

There is no fare as Ride Connection pays TCTD for all rides between Banks and North Plains and connections to/from TriMet in Washington and Multnomah Counties. Riders wishing to travel on Wave buses to/from destinations west of Banks (Tillamook and beyond) are responsible for their own cash fare.

Additional Connections for Banks and North Plains riders beginning in spring 2010. Ride Connection plans to provide additional regular route (no fare) service in early 2010 to compliment the TCTD service times. At this point the preliminary plans are to add early morning and early evening stops (Monday through Friday) in Banks and North Plains connecting with TriMet at the Hillsboro Transit Center. Please contact Terry Watson (503-528-1732) at Ride Connection for more information. A new 14-passenger accessible gas/hybrid assist bus will be assigned to this service. The bus was purchased with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds via ODOT Public Transit.

Bus shelters for Banks and North Plains are on the way. Ride Connection acquired a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) via ODOT Public Transit to place bus shelters in Banks and North Plains. The shelters should be in place by spring 2010 (at Log Cabin Park in Banks and the North Plains Senior Center).

For more information please call the Ride Connection Service Center at 503-226-0700 Monday – Friday 7:30AM to 6:00PM or visit our website at: www.rideconnection.org. For more information about TCTD Wave service please call (800) 815-8283, 8:00AM to 5:00PM or visit their website at www.tillamookbus.com.

4-H Summer Camps

Two OSU Extension residential summer camps still have openings for this summer. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend these camps.

Super Science Camp: August 16-20, 2010 (Monday-Friday)
Ages: 8-12
Where: Oregon 4-H Center, 8 miles west of Salem, OR
Who: Kids interested in the out-of-doors
Price: $275

Eagle Trek Camp: July 12-16, 2010 (Monday-Friday)
Ages: 9-13
Where: Beverly Beach State Park, Newport OR
Who: Kids interested in marine science and camping
Price: $275

***Scholarships are Available***

For more information go to http://extension.oregonstate.edu/metro4h/4-h-camps or call 503-821-1119.
Gales Creek Road to Close for Two Weeks

Washington County's contractor, Bones Construction, plans to close Gales Creek Road between Stringtown and David Hill roads from June 15 through June 30. Signs advising of the upcoming closure are posted.

Road work is always weather dependent, especially paving, so the schedule may change. We'll provide updates as the work progresses. For a current schedule, check the Washington County Roads web site at www.wc-roads.com

The road closure is necessary to repair the road base which has been sliding toward the creek. Travelers on Gales Creek Road have expressed concern about the cracks in the road surface for some time. The county consulted with a geotechnical engineer about how best to repair the road and stabilize the slide area. The repair requires that the full width of about a 450-foot length of the road be excavated to a depth of about five feet below the current road surface. The road base will be built back up with layers of geo-textile and aggregate and topped with a new asphalt road surface. Guardrail will also be upgraded as part of this project.

Washington County has entered into a cooperative agreement with Forest Grove Fire and Rescue to help mitigate impact on emergency response time by stationing fire personnel at the Gales Creek Station. About 4,500 vehicles a day travel on Gales Creek Road at Thatcher Road southeast of the road work location, according to most recent (2008) traffic counts.

The county and Bones Construction want to make sure that traffic moves as smoothly as possible during this necessary but inconvenient road closure, so using the designated detour route of OR 6 (Wilson River Highway) and OR 47 (Nehalem River Highway) is encouraged. See http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/gales-creek-road-closure.cfm for the detour map.

Cornelius Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD)

The Cornelius RFPD Board of Directors will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Cornelius Fire Department, 1311 N Barlow Street in Cornelius. Please note the time change to 8 p.m.

The agenda for the Cornelius RFPD will include continued discussion on development of a rural fire substation in the southern area of the District, TVID water resources, and the purchase of a new fire engine. New Business will include discussion on future administration of the fire department given the pending retirement of Fire Chief Asanovic.

Regular business includes Communications, Bills, Fire Chief’s Report, and an opportunity for Public Comment. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

For additional information, please contact a member of the Cornelius RFPD Board of Directors.

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GO GREEN, SAVE A TREE! The CPO program coordinators are looking at ways to reduce printing and postage costs and to make the program more sustainable. To do that we need your help by signing up to receive the newsletter electronically. We call this the CPO NewsAlert.

It’s simple, just send an email to Sally Yackley cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu with your name, street address, zipcode and email address to make the necessary changes. You will receive an email with a link to the CPO website with your current newsletter. Thank you for helping out!
Oregon Small Farm News

Oregon State University Extension Faculty invite you to subscribe to the free online newsletter that concentrates on both commercial small farm entrepreneurs as well as non-commercial small acreage landowners. The focus embraces organic/biological and conventional farming systems and emphasizes three areas:

1. Small acreage stewardship – addressing enterprises, land management and soil and water quality
2. Commercial small farms- high value horticulture, livestock, poultry, and alternative crop production emphasizing organic and niche production
3. Community food systems – alternative and specialty marketing and farm direct marketing channels

The current issue covers the following topics:

- Small Farms Conference a Big Success
- Alternative Meat Marketing Strategies: Small Farms Conference Session
- Farm Profile: Walker Farms
- Oregon Country Trails are Blazing Opportunities for Rural Entrepreneurs
- Irrigation Management Basics
- OSU Cover Crop Calculator to be Launched in Early April
- Love’s Labors Lost: Small Ruminant Abortion Storms
- Living on a Few Acres: A Success
- Oregon Farmers, Ranchers Unite to Shape the Future of Agriculture
- Calendar

Look over the newsletters at [http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/](http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/) and consider subscribing to this free and interesting publication.