



# CPO #1 NEWSLETTER



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## Citizen Participation Organization 1

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

7:00 p.m.

**St. Vincent Medical Center  
Souther Auditorium**

### AGENDA

- 7:00 PM** **Welcome**  
**Washington County Sheriff's Report**  
**CPO Announcements and Discussion** (neighborhood meetings and development status)  
**Community Announcements**  
**"It's Your CPO" Open Mic**
- 7:45PM** **Cedar Mill Library Update.** Peter Leonard, director of the Cedar Mill Community Library (503-644-0043), will give us an update on the new wireless access service at the library, other new services provided and future plans for the library. He will provide a summary of the County's study last year of whether to provide improved county-wide library services.
- 8:15PM** **Discussion of Tri-Met Park & Ride Facilities.** Tri-Met manager Young Park (503-962-4915, [parky@trimet.org](mailto:parky@trimet.org)) will visit us to discuss Park and Ride facilities in general and whether/how we can get one in Cedar Mill in particular, plus bus stops and other amenities. (Please note that this presentation will not include any information on the new Line 50 ridership which will be on the January 2010 agenda.)

## View From the Chair

As I wrote last month, one of the needs we can see developing is for smaller houses suitable for elderly and low-income people. In the November 2009 Committee For Citizen Involvement (CCI) meeting, the CPO 10 representative told of their land use issues surrounding the use of very modest housing built over 50 years ago for seasonal migrant farm workers. This housing on farmland now serves as low income rental property for year around residents. This is not the best example of a solution for affordable housing but it does help to frame the issue. We are faced with increasingly difficult choices: (a) build completely modern housing, offer them at current market rates limiting affordability or (b) devise a way to build extremely cost-effective housing which implicitly would be more humble than modern housing but would be much more readily available.

### Wireless Libraries

The Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) has completed installation of a new wireless network to provide free high-speed Internet access for the public at all the WCCLS member libraries, including the Cedar Mill Library. As Peter Leonard will explain this month, adding wireless access along side the “wired” Internet workstations helps both libraries and patrons. Patrons will need a valid WCCLS library card number and password to access the network. For additional details please visit the Cooperative Library Services website, [www.wccls.org](http://www.wccls.org), or visit one of the WCCLS member libraries.

- Bruce

## Proposed Letter to Trimet Regarding Park and Ride Lots Published For Discussion

An estimated 65,000 to 85,000 people live north of Sunset Highway in Washington County. No major employment areas are located north of Sunset Highway. Many residents of this area live more than a ½ mile from the nearest bus stop and many more do not have a safe walking route to a bus stop. Yet only two TriMet Park and Ride lots are located north of Sunset Highway. The first of these lots at Sunset Transit Center is identified by TriMet as one of the two busiest park and ride lots in the TriMet system and has inadequate capacity to serve the needs of our community. The second lot, located on Bronson, has sporadic hourly service, is located 15-20 bus minutes from the Sunset Transit Center, and would require out-of-direction travel for many of north of Sunset Highway residents.

With routes 50, 62 and 89 serving the Cedar Mill community, the stops in the vicinity of Cornell and Saltzman area have close to 15 minute service, are located about 10 bus minutes from the Sunset Transit Center and are in an ideal location for boarding a TriMet bus. Unfortunately very little on street parking exists at this location. Our community needs parking in this area to provide adequate access to public transit. Cedar Mill Bible Church parking lot represents an ideal location for a TriMet park and ride lot. Cedar Mill Bible Church is located on Cornell Road east of Saltzman Road with existing bus stops for both Route 50 and Route 89. The stops for Line 62 are a short walk along sidewalks from this large church parking lot.

CPO 1 requests TriMet staff pursue an agreement with Cedar Mill Bible Church to obtain spaces in their lot to be used as transit park and ride. Please contact Bruce Bartlett at [bruce@actisdesign.com](mailto:bruce@actisdesign.com) if we can assist you in working with Cedar Mill Bible Church to improve transit opportunities for Washington County residents living north of Highway 26.

Sincerely, CPO 1 Steering Committee

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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](mailto: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!

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### *Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington* **Working for Our Neighborhoods**

The end of the year gives me pause to reflect on how my work as your Metro Councilor touches on the things that are important to you.

When I campaigned for this position four years ago, I canvassed door to door, meeting a lot of you, hearing your values for our communities and neighborhoods, and your thoughts on managing growth. Serving as your Metro Councilor, I have tried to put make those values our priorities, keeping your values in the forefront as I apply my effort to help the region achieve an ideal future.

This means I've worked to enable more amenities in our neighborhoods, such as nearby parks and open spaces, neighborhood shops, and sidewalks, bike lanes and roads that connect the important places we go. I've worked to facilitate job growth throughout our region, and to help our businesses grow stronger with roads and transportation improvements to get products to local and global markets more efficiently. I've worked to put your local plans into action, supporting redevelopment of our downtowns, main streets, and employment areas, and protecting employment land for job growth. I've worked to stretch your tax dollars by taking care of what we have and the public facilities in which your money has already been invested.

I have met many of you in countless meetings throughout District 4, and in the process, I have learned a lot more about your values. The way I see it, the many projects we undertake at Metro are all directed toward achieving your values and improving your community and your neighborhood. With a new year – 2010 – rapidly approaching, I look forward to continuing our work together.

Kathryn Harrington represents District 4 includes Northern Washington County, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Northwest Beaverton, Bethany, Aloha, Bonny Slope, Raleigh Hills, West Slope, Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills. Councilor Harrington can be reached at 503-797-1553 or send e-mail to [Kathryn.harrington@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Kathryn.harrington@oregonmetro.gov).

## **December 2009 Urban and Rural Reserves Update**

It appears that the Board of Commissioners will schedule time on their December 8 (10 am) and December 15 (6:30 pm) agendas to take public comment on the Urban and Rural Reserves. During recent meetings, Commissioners have indicated their interest in hearing from the public. However, this public comment opportunity will not result in a decision by the Board.

The Core Four, Commissioner Tom Brian, Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington, Charlotte Lehan, Clackamas Commissioner, and Jeff Cogan, Multnomah Commissioner are continuing to deliberate toward a consensus decision on Reserves. The next Core 4 public meeting is on Friday, December 4 from 1 to 4 pm at the Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne, Portland. Other Core 4 meetings are scheduled Wednesday, December 9 from 9 to noon and Wednesday, December 16 from 9 to noon. Please refer to their web site below for locations and agendas.

Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) "Think Out Loud" will broadcast from Hillsboro Civic Center on Monday, December 14 at 7 pm. Commissioner Tom Brian will participate in a panel discussion on Urban/Rural Reserves and the public is welcome to attend.

The Reserves process is also scheduled to require County public hearings in the early spring when Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) between the County and Metro may also be considered.

Please confirm the above information on [www.co.washington.or.us](http://www.co.washington.or.us) and find the Core 4 information at [www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=31727](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=31727).

<b>CPO #1 LAND USE ITEMS UPDATED</b>			
<b>CASE FILE/TYPE</b>	<b>APPLICANT LOCATION</b>	<b>PROPOSED ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
0800274 Type II R15	TLP Investments 1890 NW 143 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	Development review approval request to add 9 units to a 105 unit condominium development, "Terra Linda".	Appealed.
0900070 Type II R5	Petru Fora 320 NW 112 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97229	Preliminary review of a three parcel partition, 112 <sup>th</sup> Street Partition.	Hold.
0900184 Type II R6	LHL Homes 8900 NW Kearney St. Portland, OR 97229	Extension request for a 3-parcel partition, "Kearney Partition," (casefile nos. 05-481-P and 07-012-MOD).	Approved.
0900233 Type II R6	Clean Water Services Bauer Wood Drive, Tract A	Request for approval of a drainage hazard area alteration.	Approved.
0900246 Type II R6	LHL Homes NW McDaniel Rd	Extension request for a 15-lot subdivision, "McDaniel Glen", (casefile No. 07-121-S).	Approved.
0900277 Type II R5	Ronald Quiring 10785 NW Copeland St Portland, OR 97229	Preliminary plat review for a 2-parcel partition, "Copeland Partition", and a hardship relief variance for a reduction in the 22-foot, 5-year wearing surface requirement.	Application received. Status is pending.
0900329 Type II R5	Hoon Shin 9230 NW Leahy Rd. Portland, OR 97229	Preliminary review of a 3 parcel partition, "Shin Partition".	Application received. Public comment period 10/27/09 to 11/10/09.
0900334 Type II R15	Shadypeak Development 2930 SW 178 <sup>th</sup> Ave Beaverton, OR 97006	Request for extension of the preliminary plat approval for a 10-lot subdivision, "SW 178 <sup>th</sup> Subdivision," and development review for 5 attached dwelling units (one duplex and one tri-plex.)	Application received. Public comment period 10/30/09 to 11/13/09.
0900340 Type II R5	Proactive Development 575 SW Viewmont Dr Portland, OR 97225	Determination of commencement of development for a 2-parcel partition, "Viewmont Drive Partition," (approved via casefile 06-490-P/HRV).	Application received. Public comment period 11/2/09 to 11/16/09.

Because of space constraints, only Type II and III Development Applications of interest to a majority, are listed in the Newsletter – for Type I Applications or for latest updates, please visit the County's website at

<http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31>

All land use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Bldg.

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## 'Trim Your Wasteline – Junk Mail Busters!'

Did you know the average adult receives approximately 560 pieces of junk mail or nearly 41 pounds of unsolicited mail annually? Approximately 44 percent of it is sent to the landfill unopened. In addition to wasting your time, junk mail is a waste of resources and impacts climate changes. Even if you recycle all the junk mail, there are still enormous costs in terms of printing ink, energy to produce, delivery/transport and recycling the paper. Reclaim your mail box!

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*Washington County Cooperative Recycling Program.*

## THPRD Restructures Advisory Committees, Now Taking Applications

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District has developed a new structure for its advisory committees that will improve their function within the Park District and their service to the community.

In conjunction with the restructuring, THPRD is now taking applications for positions on the new advisory committees. Individuals serving on existing Park District advisory committees are eligible to apply for positions on the new committees.

Applicants approved by THPRD's Board of Directors will generally serve two-year terms.

The eight broad-based advisory committees serve as an arm of the THPRD Board. Those that have been developed include Sports, Aquatics, Recreation (combining THPRD's three recreation facilities), the Elsie Stuhr Center and Historic Facilities. There will also be separate committees devoted to Natural Resources, Trails and Parks.

Applications can be found at [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) in the Document Center on the About Us page of the THPRD Web site. They can also be picked up at the Park District Administration Office (158th and Walker Road, Beaverton).

Applications must be submitted to Lisa Novak, Superintendent of Programs and Special Activities, at the Administration Office. Submissions will be accepted until the committees are filled.

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving more than 200,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational and educational opportunities for people of all ages. Offerings include a wide variety of classes and more than 200 park sites, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,300 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503/645-6433.



### Grease is the word

Ready or not, the holiday season is at our doorstep. You might get an additional holiday guest this year if you pour leftover gravy, pan drippings and sauces down the drain. According to Roto-Rooter, incoming calls for service on the day after Thanksgiving will jump almost 50 percent.

To help combat the fat, Clean Water Services is offering a free "Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain Kit" to residents. For more information go to <http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/BusinessAndIndustry/FatsOilsGreaseProgram/FreezetheGreaseSavetheDrain.aspx> or call (503) 681-3678 to get your kit including a pan scraper, lid and easy-to-follow instructions to:

1. Scrape grease and food scraps into a can.
2. Freeze it.
3. Toss it into the trash.

When fats, oils and grease are poured down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes causing sewer overflows and expensive cleanup and repair in your home. As a double whammy, the untreated wastewater may flow into streets, neighborhood storm drains and ultimately the nearest river or stream, causing problems for surrounding communities and the environment.

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## Park District, Employee Association Encourage Food and Toy Donations This Holiday Season

For the first time, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District and the THPRD Employee Association are joining hands to encourage giving to the less fortunate during the holiday season.



New toys and food will be accepted at most THPRD centers from Nov. 27 through Dec. 17. It's part of a drive called "Drop In and Help Out Our Neighbors," sponsored by THPRD and OSEA Chapter 400, the union that represents most Park District employees.

For the three days following Thanksgiving, Nov. 27-29, THPRD will waive the usual drop-in fees for anyone who brings a toy or at least two non-perishable food items to a participating recreation or aquatic center. Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis for drop-in programs, including open/family swims, lap swims, open gyms, drop-in sports and fitness rooms.

The drop-in waiver is good at all locations that have drop-in programs except the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center.

Toys collected through the drive will go to KGW's Toy Drive, which is also where donations from TVF&R's Toy 'n Joy program will be delivered this year. Toys should be new and unwrapped; no stuffed animals, please.

All donated food will be forwarded to the Sunshine Pantry in Beaverton for distribution to local individuals and families. In a joint statement, THPRD General Manager Doug Menke and Employee Association Past President Johnny Deadmond, said, "As everyone knows, these are tough economic times. Many of our neighbors are hurting, and that pain just becomes more acute during the holiday season. We encourage everyone with the ability to give to make this time a little brighter for children, adults, families and others in need."

This is the first time members of the public have been encouraged to participate in the toy drive; previously, it was for Park District employees only.

The public is also invited to vote for their favorite toy collection barrel as decorated by employees. Beginning Dec. 14, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) for this year's creations and make a selection. Votes will be collected through Dec. 17.

Toys and food will be accepted at the following THPRD locations Nov. 27-Dec. 17:

- Aloha Swim Center: 18650 SW Kinnaman Road, Aloha
- Beaverton Swim Center: 12850 SW Third Street, Beaverton
- Harman Swim Center: 7300 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Beaverton
- Sunset Swim Center: 13707 NW Science Park Drive, Portland
- Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center: 15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton
- Cedar Hills Recreation Center: 11640 SW Park Way, Portland
- Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center: 9995 SW 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaverton
- Garden Home Recreation Center: 7475 SW Oleson Road, Portland
- Tualatin Hills Athletic Center: 50 NW 158<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaverton
- Elsie Stuhr Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd, Beaverton
- Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center, 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton (note: no drop-in programs are offered at the Nature Park)

THPRD's Administration Office and Tennis Center, both at 158<sup>th</sup> and Walker Road, Beaverton, will accept donations Nov. 30 through Dec. 17. The Administration Office is closed evenings and weekends.

## OSU Extension Guide Helps Avoid and Correct Home Moisture Problems

Mold season is here, and although excess moisture – both inside and outdoors – can cause a wide variety of problems in the home, knowledge and simple measures can help keep a house mold-free.

When November weather arrives, heated air can trigger moisture problems because it holds more moisture than cool air. When warm air comes in contact with a cold surface, it cools down and excess moisture condenses, usually on the spot – notably single-pane windows or non-insulated walls. The moisture left behind can lead to mold, mildew and high concentrations of bacteria and dust mites.

An important first step to prevent and correct indoor moisture buildup is to use bath and kitchen fans to quickly pull moisture out of the room before it spreads to the rest of the house, according to Jeanne Brandt, family and community health faculty member with the Oregon State University Extension Service in Washington County.

"If a fan that vents to the outside does not exist in the kitchen and bathroom, consider having one installed," she said.

Most indoor moisture is caused by normal respiration of people and pets, but other activities also can be a source of excess moisture, Brandt said, such as baths and showers and hanging wet towels and clothes inside to dry.

Firewood stored indoors, though seemingly dry, can be a problem, as well as uncovered aquariums and large numbers of houseplants (more than five to seven). Indoor humidity levels are best when between 30 and 50 percent relative humidity. You can measure levels with a hygrometer, a low-cost purchase from a hardware or electronics store.

An OSU publication, "Home moisture problems," EC 1437, is a thorough guide on how to identify moisture problems and control them. It is online at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec1437.pdf>.

The publication, which can be downloaded free of charge, explains the symptoms of excess indoor moisture, outdoor and indoor sources of moisture and how to solve home moisture problems with ventilation, outdoor drainage and insulation.

Following are common clues of indoor moisture problems:

- Musty smells may signal mold, mildew or rot. Household odors that linger may indicate too much moisture in the air.
- Frost and ice on cold surfaces from condensation can be a sign of excess moisture in the air.
- A sensation of dampness is common with high humidity.
- Surface discoloration, staining and texture changes may appear as black or dark streaks or lines. Mold and mildew often appear as a discoloration that can be white, orange, green, brown or black. Conditions often are noticed as a musty odor and are found under carpets, behind cupboards, on framing between sub floors and in crawl spaces and attics.
- Wood swells when it becomes wet and warps, and it cups and cracks when it dries.
- Wood rot and decay indicate advanced moisture damage. Fungi penetrate the wood and make it soft and weak.

Outdoor moisture gets into houses by rain, snow or ground water leaking into basements, crawl spaces, roofs and walls. Water also moves in through porous materials, such as vertical movement through a cement block wall. Vapor diffusions allow moisture to permeate even through solid surfaces such as cement, gypsum board or wood.

The following OSU information about mold also is available online at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fch/healthy-homes/mold-indoor-air-quality>.

- Household Mold. Information sheet with tips on dealing with household mold. Also available in Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese.
- Resources and References. Web sites and publications that provide reliable, unbiased information related to moisture and mold control, assessment, remediation and moisture-resistant construction practices.  
Winter Storm Damage Checklist
- Mold Control, Home Inspection Checklist. Guidelines for inspecting your home for sources of moisture and steps for control.
- Stamp Out Mold in Your Home. One-page flyer with helpful hints to eliminate mold in your home.



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## Public Affairs Forum Topics for November/December 2009

### **Special note: forum is meeting in a new location.**

The meeting location for the forum is at the Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124, 503-617-7614.

For a map go to: <http://washingtontyforum.org/time-place>



### **November 30, 2009**

Topic: Oregon College of Art and Craft, a Treasure in the Hills.

Speaker: Bonnie Laing-Malcolmson, President.

### **December 7, 2009**

Topic: CPR - Latest Technology and New Law.

Speaker: Zig Sawzak, EMT-P, CEO of CPR Lifeline.

### **December 14, 2009**

Topic: Metro's Impact on Washington County.

Speaker: Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington.

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**Time:** Mondays 11:15 am - 1 pm except on major holidays.

**Location:** Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124, 503-617-7614

**For last minute updates and additional information about the forum, visit:** [www.washingtontyforum.org](http://www.washingtontyforum.org)

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