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To review copies of the Rural/Natural Resources Plan Element, go to www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm

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Wednesday, June 17, 2009
Please note different meeting date!

7:00 p.m.

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center
2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy

AGENDA

- **Welcome and Introductions – Dick Smith**
- **Public Safety Report –**
 - a. Sheriff's Deputy (if available)
 - b. Fire District 2 (if available)
- **Welcome and meet Amy Grotta, OSU Extension Forester** serving Washington and Columbia Counties. If you have a woodland property or are interested in woodlands, plan to attend. Amy will share ideas and answer your questions. You may participate in a survey at the CPO meeting that will help Amy develop programs providing educational and technical assistance. Please see the related article on page 4.
- **Farm Watch/Neighborhood Watch - Darlene Schnoor, Washington County Sheriff's Office** will describe the program and answer your questions. She will help neighbors learn what we need to do to keep our communities safer. Please see article on page 4.
- **Updates and Reports –**
 - a. Land Development – Dick Smith
 - b. Rural Road Operations and Maintenance (RROMAC)
 - c. Other
- **Adjourn**



Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Cooper Mountain Nature Park Opens to Visitors!

It is finally summer, and I am so excited about the opening of Cooper Mountain Nature Park, the first regional park in Washington County! Overlooking the scenic Tualatin River Valley, the new Cooper Mountain Nature Park is located on the southern edge of Beaverton and Hillsboro (18892 SW Kemmer Rd., Beaverton.) The 230-acre park offers visitors over 3 miles of gravel trails (with varying levels of difficulty) traversing the park's wide variety of natural features.

Cooper Mountain offers diverse and rare habitats. Thick and thin soils atop cracked basalt form patchwork patterns with multiple habitats: wet and dry, forest and prairie, fir and oak. Rare and endangered species such as Western gray squirrels, pale larkspurs, Western bluebirds, and red-legged frogs find homes on this site.

Volunteers have made a huge contribution, participating in nearly every aspect of Cooper Mountain's transformation -- removing invasive species, restoring native grasses and wildflowers, planting more than 110,000 trees and shrubs, enhancing the oak woodlands and improving the small quarry pond.

The park is free and open every day from dawn to dusk starting June 27. Parking, restrooms, the Nature House, the garden, and the play area are wheelchair accessible. Cooper Mountain Nature Park is operated through a partnership between Metro and the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District. See Metro's web site for more information: <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/coopermountain>.

Come visit at your leisure or participate in upcoming summer programs to discover the wonders of Cooper Mountain Nature Park. Summer camps, bird walks, wildlife photography workshops, twilight explorations, stargazing and much more will all be part of the inaugural summer season. To register for events or programs call 503-629-6350 or visit <http://www.thprd.org/parks/coopermountain.cfm>.

I hope that you will put Cooper Mountain Nature Park on your summer fun list and come see this living gem in our backyard!

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.

Oregon Zoo Concerts A-Go!

What do baby Samudra, summer weather and the B-52s have in common? They're all part of the Oregon Zoo's 31st annual summer concert series presented by NW Natural.



This year's zoo concert series promises to be an exhilarating experience with 18 shows from June through August. It is the longest-running outdoor concert series in the Pacific Northwest and one of the most anticipated events of the summer.

New this year is a showcase of local bands to take place Wednesday, July 8. Concert fans are asked to weigh in on which local bands they'd like to see perform that night. Voting for the showcase takes place through May 31 on the zoo's Web site.

The zoo concert series is presented by NW Natural with support from KINK.fm and KOIN Local 6. Tickets may be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com and at the zoo.

Funds raised during the concert series support several conservation projects, including the protection of threatened and endangered Northwest species.

General admission is \$9.75 (12-64), seniors \$8.25 (65+), children \$6.75 (3-11), and infants 2 and under are free; 25 cents of the admission price helps fund regional conservation projects through the zoo's Future for Wildlife program. A parking fee of \$2 per car is also required. Additional information and the concert schedule is available at www.oregonzoo.org or by calling 503-226-1561.

Land Use and Development Applications Updates

| Case File | Application/Location | Proposed Action | Status |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|
| 08-416 Type II EFU | Andre & Kathy Meyer 235 SW Scholls Ferry Rd/State Hwy 210 | Alteration/expansion of a non-conforming use (labor camp) to replace 54 existing cabins with 12 cottages and 10 RV pads and convert an existing dwelling to a berry processing facility. Also a modification of conditions VII.2 & 3 of casefile 83-036-C (to retain a health hardship. | Appealed. Hearing 6/18/09, 9:00am. |
| 08-454 Type II EFU | John & Connie Robinson 11739 SW Hillsboro Hwy | Modification of conditions to casefile 95-476 (convert replacement dwelling to a non-habitable/farm use structure). | Approved. |
| 09-003 Type II AF 20 | Vincent and Deborah Reyes 32585 SW Laurelview Rd | Modification of conditions of casefile 06-238-REP to convert and retain the old dwelling as an accessory structure. | Hold. |
| 09-072 Type II EFC | Richard & Daphne Green 19990 SW Hillsboro Hwy. | Modification to conditions of approval of casefile 06-427-DEFC. | Approved. |
| 09-082 Type II EFU | Lauen Johnston 26970 SW Larson Rd. | Renewal of a temporary health hardship permit. | Application received. Status is pending. |
| 09-110 Type II AF 20 | Darline Felton 14395 SW Campbell Rd. | Request for a temporary health hardship permit. | Application received. Public comment period: 5/14/09-5/28/09. |
| 09-113 Type II EFU | Harper Houf Peterson Righellis 7500 SW Minter Bridge Rd. | P/49CL00511-3 lot partition and 3 dwellings pursuant to measure 49/37CL0051. | Application received. Public comment period: 6/2/09-6/16/09. |
| 09-114 Type III AF 20 | Joanne Corder NE Neil Rd. | Change designation from AF-20 to EFC. | Application received. Awaiting public hearing notice. |
| 08-366 Type III AF-5 | Daniel and Kelly Anne Muro 24700 SW Labrousse Rd. | Request for a temporary health hardship. | Approved. |

Type II land use applications have a 14 day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless 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://washtech.co.washington.or.us/LDS/index.cfm?id=4> Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908

New WCCCF Website

The Washington County Commission on Children and Families (WCCCF) has a NEW website! The site is designed to improve your ability to find important services and information. Our look, feel and navigation have all being re-worked with this overriding goal in mind.

The NEW website project is not simply a change in how the website looks. It is a complete redesign from the colors used on the site, to the software running it, to the organization. Some of the things you can find there include our mission and history, resources for families, resources for providers, a parenting class calendar, and much more. Please stop by to check us out: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/hhs/ccf>

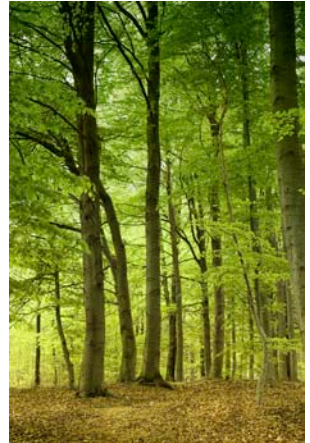
Attention Small Woodland Owners

The OSU Extension Service has a new Extension Forester serving Washington and Columbia Counties. Amy Grotta began work in April and is developing a program to provide educational and technical assistance to woodland owners in both counties.

Amy has developed a survey to gauge woodland owners' needs and interests. If you are a small woodland owner, you are encouraged to take the survey. You can access it online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/forestry>. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact Al Martinez at (503) 821-1112.

As an incentive for participating, you can choose to enter a drawing to win a copy of *Trees to Know in Oregon*, a 125-page, full color guide produced by OSU.

Woodland owners are also encouraged to subscribe to Amy's quarterly newsletter and/or email list. If you would like to subscribe, contact Amy at amy.grotta@oregonstate.edu or (503) 821-1118.



Improve Livability with Neighborhood Watch



Your home is your castle and it's important that you and your family feel safe there. Being aware of your surroundings and paying attention to what happens in your neighborhood is an important part of neighborhood safety. The police can't monitor your home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but your neighbors can, and that is where Neighborhood Watch plays a vital role.

Neighborhood Watch is a joint effort between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the community. It is designed to instill a greater sense of security and reduce the fear of crime by putting the *neighbor* back into neighborhoods.

The program teaches participants how to make their home and neighborhood more secure in order to reduce the risk of being victimized, as well as training citizens on how to recognize and report any suspicious activity. Neighborhood Watch allows neighbors to get to know each other and their routines in order to address issues that concern the safety of the entire community.

Want to start a Neighborhood Watch Group in Your Neighborhood? Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Darlene Schnoor, from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Darlene will help coordinate a meeting with your potential watch group and help to establish a successful and viable neighborhood watch group that will consist of people just like you that care about the safety and well-being of your neighborhood.

For more information about starting up a watch program, please contact our Crime Prevention Unit at 503-846-2579.

Tour Clean Water Services' Rock Creek Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility

The public is invited to tour Clean Water Services' Rock Creek Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, July 8th at 10 a.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. This is a rare opportunity to visit the inner workings of this state-of-the-art, award-winning facility that cleans wastewater to nearly drinking water standards. The free one-hour tours will include a showing of Clean Water Services' award-winning video, *Oregon's Tualatin River: A Watershed Restored*, and light refreshments. Children over the age of eight years old are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Space is limited so reservations should be made in advance by calling (503) 547-8000. The tours begin in the Administration Building of the Rock Creek Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility at 3235 SW River Road near Hillsboro High School.

Every day the facility cleans more than 25 million gallons of wastewater from residents in Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Banks, North Plains, Gaston, Aloha, Bethany, Cedar Mill and Portions of Beaverton and Portland. The cleaned wastewater is returned to the Tualatin River, providing vital clean water that improves river flow, habitat and water quality. The facility has earned top national honors including the Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 National Clean Water Act Recognition Award.

Highway 219 Open House

Monday, June 22, 2009 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Hillsboro Civic Center - Conference Room 113B & C

150 E Main St. in downtown Hillsboro

This is an informal open house that allows for direct interaction with ODOT staff. Stop by anytime.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is working on the design of two safety projects on Highway 219. These will complete a series of safety projects on the highway that began in 2005. Join ODOT staff at an open house to learn more about these projects and look at proposed design options:

- **Highway 219: Midway Rd./McFee Creek** - This Highway 219 project is between mileposts 8.5 and 9.8 and includes the areas commonly called Brown's Corner and the Wolsborn Curve. The project's primary purpose is to improve safety by realigning the curve at Brown's Corner (milepost 8.7). The realignment will reduce the angle of the curve. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2010.
- **Highway 219: Midway Rd./Laurel Rd.** - This Highway 219 project covers the intersection with Laurel Rd. and the 90 degree angle curve at Midway Rd. ODOT will build a left turn lane on the highway for northbound motorists turning onto Laurel Rd. and realign the curve at Midway Rd. The realignment will reduce the angle of the curve. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2010.

For more information or questions about these projects contact: ODOT Community Affairs at 503-731-8247 or Lili.D.Gordon@odot.state.or.us Visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/Highway219/index.shtml for project information

Got Fireworks? Keep it Legal, Keep it Safe!

By Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Oregon law bans fireworks that fly, explode, or travel on the ground more than 12 feet –this includes bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, and M80s. To keep it legal, purchase all fireworks at a licensed Oregon firework stand. (*Fireworks purchased by mail order or in the State of Washington or at Native American reservations may be illegal in our state.*)



Under Oregon law, officials can seize illegal fireworks and you can be fined up to \$500 per violation and/or arrested. It's also important to remember that you can be held civilly liable for damages resulting from improper use of any fireworks - legal or illegal. Oregon law also makes parents liable for damage caused by their children and allows fire departments to charge for the cost of suppressing fires caused by fireworks. Additionally, the use of illegal fireworks constitutes criminal activity, and your insurance policy may not cover you if you engage in a criminal act that results in damage. **Note: many cities have local noise ordinances that prohibit loud sound after certain hours.**

It is a common misconception that legal fireworks are less risky. Even legal fireworks are dangerous and have caused injuries and burns to users, especially unsupervised children. Also, during dry summer conditions an errant firework can ignite vegetation, vehicles, even your roof.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue advises you to celebrate safely this year by following the below safety tips:

- Only adults should light or handle fireworks.
- Supervise children at all times when fireworks are being used.
- Store fireworks, matches, and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Use fireworks outdoors on a paved surface, away from buildings, vehicles, and vegetation. Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, or buildings.
- Never alter fireworks or make your own. Homemade explosives can be deadly!
- Have a hose or bucket of water nearby to douse misfired and spent fireworks, and to extinguish potential fires.

For more safety tips, visit Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's website at www.tvfr.com.

2009 Washington County Summer Food Program

FREE Meals~! NO Registration! NO Applications! Just Show Up

For kids and teens 18 and under

For more information visit online: www.summerfoodoregon.com

Or call 1-800-723-3638



Reedville Elementary School, 2695 SW 209th Ave

Monday-Friday, June 16-August 8

Lunch 11:15-11:45

Minter Bridge Elementary, 1750 SE Jacqueline Dr

Monday-Thursday, August 4-August 8

Lunch: 12:00-12:30

Inukai Boys & Girls Club, 560 SE 3rd Ave

Monday-Friday, June 16-August 15

Lunch: 12:00-1:00

Shute Park, 775 SE 10th Ave

Monday-Friday, June 16-August 15

Lunch: 11:15-12:00

The World is Run by Those Who Show Up

You may have been wondering how your CPO is really representing the interests of your community. Your volunteer CPO Leaders want you to know that when a motion is made at a CPO meeting to send a letter conveying a position on an issue that has been discussed, that letter or communication will include the number of CPO members in attendance and the number voting for and against or abstaining from voting. The letter or testimony will reflect only the position of those who show up. It will not reflect upon the entire membership of the CPO.

In addition, all CPO meetings are open to the public so there may be participants who are not CPO members and do not reside, own property, or own/operate a business within the CPO boundaries. CPO volunteer leaders will generally ask for a vote of the members but also record a separate vote of non-members in order to convey a clear picture to elected and public officials of the positions taken by all participants at a CPO meeting.

Your CPO volunteer leaders strive to convey your advisory recommendations with professional accuracy. Thank you for attending CPO meetings and please take time to thank your CPO volunteers for keeping the organization active so that you may show up!

Linda Gray, CPO Coordinator

Welcome Nicole Anderson

The Agriculture Program is pleased to announce that Nicole Anderson has joined OSU Extension in Washington, Polk and Yamhill counties. Nicole brings a long list of skills and expertise to Extension Agriculture to further the aim of promoting improvements in the economic, environmental and social well-being of Oregon citizens.



Nicole has worked in agriculture for many years, most recently at Janus Youth Programs-Urban Agriculture Services in Portland. There she managed an agriculture program that supports low-income growers to produce food for home consumption and small markets, led horticulture trainings, provided technical field assistance, and organized all aspects of crop production. Before diving into field crops, Nicole spent several years as a graduate student studying soil ecology and nutrient management at Washington State University. She later went on to spend several years investigating soil management practices on coffee farms with the USDA in Latin America.

She is eager to begin conducting field research projects and organizing educational programs for commercial wheat, grass and clover seed producers in the North Willamette Valley. Welcome Nicole!

Washington County Candidate Urban Reserves Area Shrinks from 107,000 acres to 46,000 Acres

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/reserves/>

The Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee (RCC), at their May 11 meeting, agreed to reduce the candidate urban reserve area in Washington County.

Based on several factors including cities aspirations, business community input, GIS suitability analysis and staff-derived estimated lands needs* through 2060, the RCC decided the 107,000 acres in the candidate area was beyond the scope of what areas should be studied in greater detail. Their decision scaled back the candidate urban reserves to approximately 46,000 acres within which some of the lands may eventually be recommended for urban reserves.

(* The initial estimated land needs presented to the RCC in May contained errors which staff immediately addressed. The corrected numbers will be presented back to the RCC in June. The anticipated outcome is that the corrected numbers will not affect the RCCs' decision to reduce the urban study area.)

The candidate areas will undergo more intensive study throughout the spring and summer to arrive at recommendations for urban or rural reserves. Those recommendations will again be brought back to the public for review and comment.

The Core 4 and the regional Reserves Steering Committee agreed to extend the timeline in this current phase. The extension provides more opportunity of community outreach and analysis of the candidate areas. RCC recommendations for urban and rural reserves are now anticipated in August and inter-government agreements in December.

The RCC will return to addressing Candidate Rural Reserves in upcoming meetings including discussions of how to utilize a variety of attributes to aid in the analysis and decision-making.

Metro has released a number of documents in the last several weeks to assist discussions of potential growth and the impacts on both residential development and employment. The reports can be accessed at: www.oregonmetro.gov

1. 2005 – 2030 Regional Population and Employment Forecast
http://www.oregonmetro.gov/files/maps/2060_forecast_summary-public_review_draft_2corrected.pdf
2. 2009 – 2030 Preliminary Urban Growth Report Executive Summary – Residential and Full 2009 – 2030 Preliminary Urban Growth Report - Residential
http://www.oregonmetro.gov/files/planning/09111_execsumm_3-30-09.pdf
3. 2009 – 2030 Preliminary Urban Growth Report Executive Summary – Employment
http://www.oregonmetro.gov/files/planning/ugr_employment_executivesummary_web
4. Full 2009 – 2030 Preliminary Urban Growth Report- Employment:
http://www.oregonmetro.gov/files/planning/ugr_employment_web.pdf

Appendixes:

1. Employment Demand Factors and Trends (187 pages):
http://www.oregonmetro.gov/files/planning/ugr_employment_appendix1.pdf
2. Metroscope Scenario Assumptions (10 pages):
http://www.oregonmetro.gov/files/planning/ugr_employment_appendix2.pdf

Upcoming Events to attend:

The following meetings focus on defining and creating Urban and Rural Reserves:

Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee, **Monday, June 8th and July 6th**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m., Beaverton Library, Conference Rooms A&B

Reserves Steering Committee, **Wednesday, June 10th and July 8th**, 9 a.m. – noon, Metro - Council Chambers
<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=2625>

Washington County - Urbanization Forum: No meeting dates are currently set. Please check back or go to the Urbanization Forum website for updates. <http://urbanizationforum.com/>



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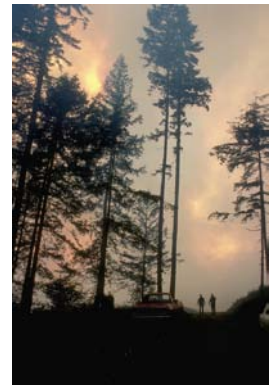
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 TIME SENSITIVE**

Fire District 2 Wants You to be Prepared for Wildfires

Washington County Fire District 2 wants homeowners to start now in preparing for the possibility of a wildfire. People living in areas that are forested or contain large amounts of brush face the real danger of wildfire. The risk of losing your home to wildfire can be reduced.

A home located on level ground needs to have a 30 foot wide fuel break created around the structure. If the home is on a slope then the fuel break needs to be increased to 100 feet. Trees near the home need the branches removed to a height of 15 feet. Keep driveways clear of obstructions such as overgrown vegetation to avoid delay in emergency vehicles responding to protect your home. Use fire-resistant plants when landscaping around the home.



For more information on what you can do to prepare for wildfires in your area, contact the business office of Washington County Fire District 2 at 503-647-9900 or one of two Fire District’s stations located at the following locations:

- Station 19: 15200 SW Midway Rd (just south of Hillsboro Hwy on Midway Rd), 503-628-1080.
- Station 17: 31370 NW Commercial St (located in North Plains), 503-647-5524