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Citizen Participation Organization #15

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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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No Meeting in the month of June 2009

Please come to the CPO 10 Meeting:
Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 7:00PM

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center

2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy



Attention Small Woodland Owners: Come Meet Amy Grotta and Fill out the Survey

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.



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 back yard!

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.

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.

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.



Metro Summer calendar

GreenScene provides a comprehensive calendar of nature activities, gardening workshops and volunteer ventures offered by Metro and more than 100 other organizations. Some of the highlights include Fourth of July fireworks at Blue Lake, Sunday Parkways, Bug Fest and Oxbow Explorers. Click here for the full calendar: <http://calendar.oregonmetro.gov/events/index.php?com=searchresult&t=4>

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/>

Join the Party

Once again it's that time of the year when neighborhoods throughout Washington County will be joining forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "26th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event on **Tuesday, August 4, 2009**.



Last year, there were over 45 neighborhoods that participated within unincorporated Washington County's National Night Out events.

We will be starting a list of neighborhoods that will be having events so that we can have members of the Sheriff's Office stop by to celebrate National Night Out with your neighborhood. Sheriff Rob Gordon asks that you lock your doors, turn on your lights and spend the evening outside with your neighbors.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Call the Crime Prevention Office for additional information: 503-846-2579

To Register with National Town Watch: National Town Watch, P.O. Box 303, Wynnewood, PA 19096

Questions: 610-649-7055, 1-800-NITE-OUT, Fax: 610-649-5456, E-Mail: info@natw.org, Web Site: www.nationalnightout.org

To Register with Washington County Sheriff's Office – Crime Prevention Unit: Call Christine at 503-846-2579 or fax to 503-846-2533 or e-mail at: Christine_Rouches@co.washington.or.us



2009 Food Preservation Classes

All classes 6:30 – 8:30 pm at OSU Extension Service- Washington County, 18640 NW Walker Road. Entrance D-1, (CAPITAL Center, at the corner of 185th and Walker Roads), Beaverton, OR, 97006

Class size limited to allow some hand-on involvement. Pre-registration required. Contact OSU Extension Service at 503-821-1150. Cost is \$15.00 per class, \$50.00 if all 4 classes are taken.

Jams and Jellies: Wednesday, June 24, 2009.

This is where to start. Basic information on equipment and processing included. This class will include low sugar and freezer jam options.

Fruits and Pie Fillings: Thursday, July 23, 2009.

Hot pack versus raw, learn to control the amount of sugar and to can fruit in juice. Recipes for pie fillings included.

Vegetables and meats: Thursday, August 13, 2009.

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.

Tomatoes and tomato products: Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

Preserve your crop of tomatoes for year-round enjoyment. Try salsa and sauce recipes. Green tomato use tested.

For more food preservation resources see: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/> or call Jeanne Brandt, Extension Family and Community Health, 503 -821-1117.

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



Joseph Gale Elementary School, 3130 18th Ave, Forest Grove
Monday-Thursday, June 24-July 31
Breakfast: 8:00-8:30, Lunch: 11:30-12:30

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!

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:

- Documenting the Success of Oregon Farm-Direct Sales
- Exploring Leased Land
- USDA to Document Organic Growth
- Estimating Nitrogen from Cover Crops, Part 2
- Siskiyou Sustainable Cooperative: A Model for Cooperative Farming & Marketing
- For Livestock, April is the Cruellest Month
- Pasture Utilization - The Critical Factor
- A New Expo for the Small Farm Community
- Get SmART in Central Oregon
- Calendar



Look over the newsletters at <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/> and consider subscribing to this free and interesting publication.

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

Thin Now for Higher Quality Tree Fruits

A bumper crop of fruit may be more than your apple or pear tree is meant to bear. To get larger, higher quality apples and pears, remove immature fruit in late May or early June.

Anita Azarenko, a professor in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University, advises thinning fruit in late spring to avoid a heavy fruit load that can break branches later on.



"Thinning also can prevent apples from becoming a 'biennial-bearing' crop, a pattern that occurs when the apple tree produces a heavy crop one year and little-to-no crop the next year," explained Azarenko. Peaches and plums also benefit from thinning.

Many tree fruits naturally shed small, cherry-sized fruit in late spring. But this natural thinning may not be enough. For larger and higher quality fruit, more young fruit may need to be removed by hand.

Remove the smaller fruits and those damaged by disease or insects in each cluster, recommends Azarenko. Thin apples and pears to one fruit per cluster and space the clusters six to eight inches apart, three to five weeks after full bloom. Space peaches six to 10 inches apart, depending on the number of fruits set.

More information about maintaining home orchards is available in the OSU Extension Service publication, "Growing Tree Fruits and Nuts in the Home Orchard," (EC 819) which can be downloaded from <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec819.pdf>

Mark Your Calendar!



Please put the following dates on your calendars. Our CPO meets every other month. We are organizing interesting speakers of vital interest to our CPO 15 and we need your support, ideas and attendance. Our meetings are the third Wednesdays of every other month. Circle these dates for CPO 15 meetings and let all your neighbors know!

Wednesday, July 15, 2009
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Wednesday, November 18, 2009



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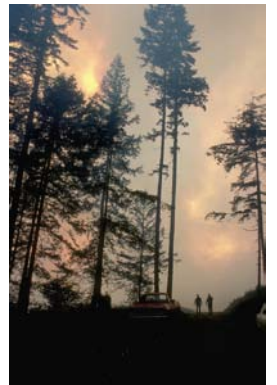
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Fire District 2 Wants You to be Prepared for Wildfires

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