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To review copies of the **Raleigh Hills-Garden Home Community Plan**, go to [www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm)

## Citizen Participation Organization 3 No CPO 3 meeting in the month of August

### Note from the Chair

We would like to remind our members that CPO-3 will not be meeting in August. Our regular meeting schedule will resume on September 17<sup>th</sup> (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Garden Home Rec Center).

We are currently working on lining up speakers for fall and winter. If anyone has a topic of interest or an issue they would like to see addressed at a CPO-3 meeting, please contact us and we will try to set it up.

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and we look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

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### ***BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE...A NEWSLETTER?***

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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## LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

| CASE FILE TYPE           | APPLICANT/LOCATION   | PROPOSED ACTION  | STATUS   |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| 09-095<br>Type II<br>CBD | Pacific Realty Co.<br>(Pactrust)<br>7550 SW Beaverton<br>Hillsdale Hwy | Development review for an approximate 1251 square foot barber shop in an existing building.      | Approved.  |
| 09-146<br>Type II<br>R5  | Harold Hartfeil<br>7202 SW Florence Ln.                                | Request for an extension of casefile 06-593-S, which approved a 5-lot subdivision, "Cedar Cove". | Approved.  |
| 09-149<br>Type II<br>R5  | Terry LaBrosse<br>6555 SW 86 <sup>th</sup> Ave                         | Extension request for a two-parcel partition, "LaBrosse Partition", (casefile no. 07-057-P).     | Application received. Status is pending.                     |
| 09-155<br>Type II<br>CG  | NW Jeep<br>10555 SW Canyon Rd  | Development review for an automobile sales lot.  | Application received.<br>Awaiting public notice.             |
| 09-174<br>Type II<br>R5  | Kurt and Amy Pearl<br>Alameda<br>7706 SW Florence Ln.                  | Determination of a non-conforming use (two dwellings).   | Application received. Public comment period 7/29/09-8/12/09. |

**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.**

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<http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/LDS/index.cfm?id=4> Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908

## Summertime Fire Safety

Outdoor entertaining is at its peak in August. If your outdoor activities include a fire pit or tiki torches, make sure a water supply is close by and always keep an eye on kids and pets. If you are confused about what's legal or safe, call Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) at 503-612-7000.



TVF&R offers the following information about outdoor burning:

**Q: Is it legal to have a fire in my backyard in a chiminea or small fire pit?**

**A:** Yes. Small fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and chimineas are approved for year-round use. However, only burn untreated wood products. Burning paper or trash can produce noxious fumes and create embers that drift high in the air. Burning trash also violates DEQ "open burning" regulations.

**Q: Is it OK to use a chiminea or outdoor fireplace under a covered patio?**

**A:** TVF&R recommends keeping a chiminea or outdoor fireplace in an uncovered area with at least 25 feet of clearance from overhanging trees or nearby structures. In addition to fire risk from the heat, products of combustion like soot and smoke can stain buildings.

**Q: Are there any restrictions on tiki torches?**

**A:** There are no restrictions specific to tiki torches, but make sure they are planted firmly in the ground and clear of any combustibles. Since tiki torches usually use flammable oils, be careful when lighting and refilling them. It's always good to let your neighbors know if you plan to use tiki torches or outdoor fireplaces to reduce unnecessary calls to 9-1-1.

Lastly, don't be tempted to burn your yard debris. It's illegal within city limits and residents outside city limits are prohibited from burning until October, 2009

Comment Period Ends October 15

## Public Comment Opportunity for Making the Greatest Place

On Sept. 15, Metro will open a 30-day public comment opportunity in preparation for a series of decisions the Metro Council and its regional partners will make in the coming months as part of the integrated land-use and transportation planning effort called Making the Greatest Place. **The comment period will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 15.**

Several important decisions under this combined initiative are scheduled to be made by Dec. 17. The Metro Council will consider a resolution approving the policies, projects and investment strategies in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. In addition the Council anticipates accepting the Urban Growth Report, an analysis of the capacity of the current urban growth boundary to accommodate the region's anticipated growth in employment and housing over the next 20 years. The Metro Council will also consider agreements with Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties to establish urban and rural reserves. Under these agreements, the Metro Council, in 2010, will designate urban reserves to accommodate future urban growth over the next 40 to 50 years and the counties will designate rural reserves to protect farms, forests and natural areas from urbanization for the same period.

**Comments on any of these topics may be submitted in writing at any time during the comment period by email to [greatestplace@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:greatestplace@oregonmetro.gov), by mail to Greatest Place Comments, Planning and Development, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232, or online through a link on the project web page, [www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace)**

In addition, Metro is sponsoring six open houses and four public hearings to provide opportunities to learn more and provide verbal and written comments. The times and dates for those events are listed below. All the sites have transit service. For current schedules, go to the TriMet web site, [trimet.org](http://trimet.org)

### Open houses and public hearings:

- Monday, Sept. 21, Hillsboro Civic Center, room 113A & B, 150 E. Main St., Hillsboro  
Open house 2 to 4 p.m. No hearing; written comments only
- Tuesday, Sept. 22, Multnomah County Library, North Portland branch, 512 N. Killingsworth St., Portland  
Open house 5 to 7:45 p.m. No hearing; written comments only
- Thursday, Sept. 24, Beaverton City Hall, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton  
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 1, Gresham Conference Center, Oregon Trail Room, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway  
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 8, Happy Valley City Hall, 16000 SE Misty Drive, Happy Valley  
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 15, Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland  
Open house starts at 4 p.m.; hearing starts at 5:15 p.m.

All Metro meetings are wheelchair accessible. Listening devices for people with a hearing impairment are available in the Council Chamber upon request. Interpreter services for people with limited English or the hearing impaired are available with 48 hours advance notice. Please call Metro at 503-797-1551 or TDD 503-797-1804 to request these services.

### Guidelines for preparing testimony

- Oral testimony is limited to two minutes, so prepare to present brief highlights only.
- To ensure that your comments are accurately reflected in the public record, please come prepared to submit your remarks in writing whether you testify orally or not. You may bring written material you have prepared in advance, or use Metro comment forms available at the hearing.

### More information about the projects and programs

For more information about the projects and programs that are the subject of this comment opportunity, visit Metro's web site at [www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace). If you have questions about how to comment or about the public open houses and hearings, call 503-797-1735.

## County Invites Public to Testify on Urban And Rural Reserves

The Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee (WCRCC) is hosting a Public Hearing on **Thursday, August 20**, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 E. Main Street in Hillsboro. The hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide testimony regarding urban and rural reserve recommendations being considered by the WCRCC. An informational open house will accompany the hearing, with staff from the county and the cities engaged in this vital long-range growth planning process.

Urban and Rural Reserves, when adopted, will determine where growth will occur over the next 40 to 50 years. Urban reserves will be areas where future Urban Growth Boundary expansions could occur, when needed. Rural Reserves will protect agricultural and forest land and vital natural features from any urbanization over the same period.

The WCRCC is considering recommendations presented in a county staff report, now available at [www.co.washington.or.us/reserves](http://www.co.washington.or.us/reserves). The report identifies approximately 108,800 acres for rural reserves and 33,800 acres for urban reserves. The WCRCC will deliberate on the report and consider all public comment and testimony received up through September 1. Comment and testimony can be provided at any time in writing. The Public Hearing provides a chance to give oral testimony before the committee.

The WCRCC, made up of elected officials and representatives of the Farm Bureau and service districts, is the county's advisory committee for Urban and Rural Reserves designation. It provides recommendations to both a regional steering committee and to the Board of County Commissioners. This process also involves Clackamas and Multnomah counties and Metro, and will culminate in agreements between each county and Metro. Metro will include the urban reserves in their future UGB decisions; the county will include rural reserves in the County Comprehensive Plan.

To learn more about the Public Hearing, download the staff report or find more information on the process, visit [www.co.washington.or.us/reserves](http://www.co.washington.or.us/reserves).

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## Stormwater Management: One Backyard at a Time

*What if each of us implemented just one of the ideas from this workshop*

A **FREE** video-stream workshop will be held **Tuesday, September 15, 9:00am to 11:30 am** at OSU Extension Service, Room 1411E, 18640 NW Walker Road (corner of 185<sup>th</sup> and Walker). Enter at door marked D1.

Learn how home and business owners, developers, city engineers and mayors are trying green solutions to manage the pollution running to surface and ground waters. See ideas from Whidbey Island, Washington; Bend, Oregon; and Ketchum/Sun Valley Idaho that you may implement in your backyard or town.

Some of the questions we will answer on September 15 include:

- What is a rain garden?
- How big does it need to be?
- What plants should I include?
- Why does that house have plants growing on the roof?
- Does rainwater run off your property into the street?
- Does your neighbor's rainwater run onto your property?



This workshop should interest all gardeners, natural resource educators and students, developers, landscape companies, watershed groups, city and county engineers, planning staff, watershed groups, and caring and interested individuals.

**This free workshop comes to us from the video team of Washington State University. Please call or email Sally Yackley (503.821.1128 or email: [sally.yackley@oregonstate.edu](mailto:sally.yackley@oregonstate.edu)) by Thursday, September 10 to reserve a space so that we may plan for handout materials and refreshments.**

## In A Pickle About How to Preserve Food? Call The OSU Hotline

Want to know how to can salsa? Stumped about what kind of vinegar to use for pickling your cucumbers? Puzzled over hot packs and raw packs?

The Oregon State University Extension Service can help. Its statewide toll-free food safety and preservation hotline (1-800-354-7319) that operates each summer is now open. Trained volunteers and Extension staff will answer calls **Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through mid-October**. The volunteers have completed intensive training in food preservation and safety and have passed a certification exam.



Operators received more than 4,470 calls last summer, and half of them involved questions about canning, said Carolyn Raab, a food and nutrition specialist with OSU Extension. She said she expects more calls this year as the number of people growing and preserving their own food increases. Raab said part of the reason for this is that consumers are tightening their budgets during the economic downturn, trying to control the ingredients in their food, and aiming to eat food grown close to home. This is what county Extension faculty around the state are hearing from the public, she said.

Home canning is a science that must be done correctly. If it isn't, a life-threatening foodborne illness called botulism could result. Foods that have lower acidity (meat, seafood, poultry and nonpickled vegetables) should be processed in a large pressure canner to kill the harmful bacteria. Foods higher in acid (fruits, pickled vegetables and tomatoes) may be safely processed in a boiling-water canner. The length of time and pounds of pressure needed to process low-acid foods is influenced by the type of food, the way it's prepared, the size of the jar and the altitude.

Instructions for preserving various foods are available from the OSU Extension catalog at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog>. (Click on "nutrition and foods" and then "food preservation and storage") A printed catalog of these and other OSU Extension publications is available by calling 1-800-561-6719.

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## Turn Metered Parking into Public Parks

Park(ing) Day is an annual, one-day, global event where artists, activists and citizens collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spots into temporary public parks and natural areas. Participate in Park(ing) Day and highlighting the importance of balancing nature and the urban form. Local displays will also symbolize The Intertwine, our region's amazing – and growing – network of parks, trails and natural areas.

Anyone can participate in PARK(ing) Day, though it is strictly a non-commercial project, intended to promote creativity, civic engagement, critical thinking, unscripted social interactions, generosity and play. For more information about Park(ing) Day, visit [my.parkingday.org](http://my.parkingday.org). To get involved or sign up, call Laura at 206-274-2906 or send email to [laura.wharton@tpl.org](mailto:laura.wharton@tpl.org).

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## SOLV Beach Cleanup Set for September 19<sup>th</sup>



25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fall Beach Cleanup, Oregon Coast,: Join SOLV to celebrate 25 years of working together to keep the Oregon coastline clean and pristine! The 25th anniversary of the SOLV Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup will take place on September 19, 2009 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For the first time ever, pre-registration is available at [http://www.solv.org/programs/fall\\_beach\\_cleanup.asp#sitelist](http://www.solv.org/programs/fall_beach_cleanup.asp#sitelist) . If you are organizing a group of 20 or more or have special needs, you may also contact the appropriate Zone Captain. Their contact information is listed on the website: [http://www.solv.org/programs/beach\\_cleanup\\_zone.asp](http://www.solv.org/programs/beach_cleanup_zone.asp) . Groups of less than 20 and individuals are encouraged to register online and need not call ahead.

## Hot Weather a Danger for Dogs

Now the hot weather is easing, many people assume the pets will be fine. Sadly, even our "cool" 90 degree days can be deadly for dogs. We still have weeks of dangerous weather ahead of us.

Here are things Washington County Animal Services & Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter advises you to keep in mind over the upcoming weeks for pets:

**If You See a Dog in a Car:** Remember that dogs don't handle heat as efficiently as humans. Their only way to cool down is to pant. A closed car in the sunlight can be fatal to a dog, even when it is as cool as 75 degrees outside.

If you see a dog in an enclosed car in the sun, it may be a medical emergency. Call Washington County Animal Services right away for help at (503) 846-7041. If a dog is in imminent danger, it is also OK to call 911.

Be ready to give specific information, such as the location of the car, the make and model, and other information (such as where a car is parked in a large parking lot) so that we can locate the car as quickly as possible.

### When To Get Help for Your Dog

Signs of heat stroke in dogs include:

- Excessive panting
- Pale gums
- Disorientation (such as not responding to his name)
- Drooling
- Vomiting
- Breathing difficulties
- Collapse and coma



### First Aid

Call your veterinarian right away. Cool your dog down with cool (not icy) water. You can soak your dog or place cool packs on the nude parts of your dog's body. Even if your dog appears fine after you have cooled him down, plan to take your dog to your veterinarian.

Heat stroke can cause damage to your dog's organs. He may need monitoring and longer-term treatment.

**What About Cats?** Cats usually fare better than dogs in the heat. Do watch to see if your cat is panting through his mouth like a dog. If he is in distress, first aid procedures would be the same as for dogs.

For more information on pets and extreme heat, stop by the animal shelter at 1901 SE 24th Avenue, Hillsboro or call (503) 846-7041.

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## Clean Water Services Updates Website

An updated Clean Water Services website [www.cleanwaterservices.org](http://www.cleanwaterservices.org), launched Thursday, July 30 replacing the site that had been in place for four years.

The website is a key communication, marketing and customer service tool for the District. Visitor use grows steadily with an average of 9,300 visits and 6,100 unique visitors each month. In FY09, the current site was in its fourth year and nearing the end of its lifecycle. More importantly, customers have requested more information from the District that is available at faster speeds and with more compatible programs.

The new website incorporates more sophisticated customer service functions including improved permit tracking, GIS mapping, Billing Account information and Bid Opportunities. New tools convey information and increase customer transactions such as Twitter, Google Earth and RSS feeds. The new website also includes short streaming video clips and Flash Animation the use images in combination with words to tell the District's story and provide insight into key District functions and projects.



## Keep Your Garden Healthy with Winter Cover Crops

During the summer, as gardens overflow with abundance, it's a good time to remember that they need organic matter replenished every year. Growing winter cover crops is an inexpensive way to let nature do the work.

Often called green manure, cover crops are an effective way to build garden soil during the fall and winter. Certain grains, grasses and legumes grow during the colder months and provide nutrients when spaded or tilled under in the spring. While they grow, cover crops also help reduce soil compaction and prevent erosion. Their roots penetrate and loosen heavy-textured soils, allowing air and water to penetrate.

"Cover crops also are called catch crops," according to Amy Dreves, research associate in the Oregon State University crop and soil science department. "In the rainy parts of Oregon, this is one of the more cost-effective reasons to plant a cover crop. A grass or legume crop catches and uses the nitrogen and other mineral nutrients that winter rains normally leach away."

Nearly all garden soils need organic matter to maintain bacteria, fungi, earthworms and other forms of life needed to make healthy, fertile soil. When you turn under the cover crop in the spring, these nutrients return to the soil, ready for another crop of vegetables.

Over-wintered crops also provide habitat for beneficial insects and help control weeds. Many legume cover crops can add nitrogen to the soil as well.

Plant cover crops from late August until early October where vegetables have been harvested or between rows where vegetables still grow. Annual grasses or grains make a quick, dense cover that will protect soil. Legumes, such as clover or vetch, are not as quick or dense, but are a rich source of nitrogen when chopped into the soil in the spring. A mixture of legumes and grasses is especially effective.

OSU Extension recommends the following: Legumes-Austrian field peas, common vetch, crimson clover and fava beans. Grains-annual ryegrass, barley and winter wheat.

In the spring, cut down or mow cover crops, compost the tops and till the rest into the soil before they flower or set seed. Allow a few weeks for the cover crop residue to break down.

The complete list and when to sow and turn under the crops are available in the publication "Cover Crops for Home Gardens," FS304-E, online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/html/fs/fs304-e/>

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## October Harvest Festival Offers Seminars

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 10, 2009**. That's the day the annual Harvest Festival comes to the Washington County Fair Complex- Floral Building, Cornell Road, Hillsboro. There will be free parking and admission.

Special seminars include:

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| 9:00 am     | Urban Poultry, James Hermes, OSU Extension Poultry Specialist  |
| 10:00 am    | Food Preservation Update, Jeanne Brandt, Extension Family and Community Health                                       |
| 11:00 am    | Edible Landscaping, Weston Miller, Metro Extension Community Horticulture  |
| 12:00 pm    | Integrated Pest Management for Edibles, Weston Miller, Metro Extension Community Horticulture                        |
| 1:00 pm     | Gardening in the Pacific Northwest, A workshop for beginning gardeners, Oregon Food Bank, Learning Garden Volunteers |
| 9 am – 3 pm | OSU Master Gardeners Demo Garden. Guided tours and answers to your gardening questions                               |



Be sure to visit the 4-H Youth Harvest Festival and Home Orchard Society All About Fruit Show at the same time.



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## Neighborhood Review Meetings

*Note: Some of the following meetings may have already occurred. They are listed here because we want you to be aware of potential development on sites within your CPO.*

- ◆ Proposal to add an accessory use dwelling above the garage at the residence located at 7725 SW 67<sup>th</sup> Ave. **Neighborhood meeting will be held Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at 7725 SW 67<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland.**
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