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Citizen Participation Organization #4K

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

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To review the Bull Mountain Community Plan (see Southern Lowlands area for CPO 4K), go to:

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm>

Citizen Participation Organization 4K

Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Highlands Club House
12930 SW Peachvale

AGENDA

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation – H1N1 Swine Flu – The Facts Factual information will be provided from Washington County Health and Human Services on the swine flu. Come learn about the symptoms, who is susceptible, if swine flu differs from the regular flu and what you can do to protect yourself.

Presentation – CPO Creation and Boundary Changes: An Overview City of Tigard has expressed interest in creating a new CPO with boundaries matching the boundaries of the city. CPO Coordinator, Margot Barnett will provide information about the procedures in place in the county for changing CPO boundaries and provide information on the City of Tigard request.

Discussion – CPO 4K Characteristics, Boundaries and How to Increase Effectiveness Following the presentation on CPO Boundaries, CPO leaders will facilitate a discussion about CPO 4K.

- What are the boundaries of our CPO?
- What characteristics make our CPO unique?
- Do characteristics of our CPO make it more or less effective than other CPO's?
- Are there specific changes that could make our CPO more effective?

Take advantage of this opportunity to express your thoughts and opinions and help identify the future of CPO 4K.

Discussion – CPO Special Project Fund Do you know of a community project which needs funding or volunteers? Approximately \$325 is available thru the CPO Special Project Fund. Funds can support one or more projects and should be something which benefits the community. Recommendations will be discussed at the October meeting and voted on at the November meeting.

Open Forum

An opportunity to bring up neighborhood issues, concerns or ideas for future CPO meetings.

Adjournment



Metro News

Dear Friend,

This month's council newsletter brings a change that I hope you will embrace. Starting today, I'll be delivering Metro news to you as it occurs, sometimes on a daily basis, through my online newsfeed at www.oregonmetro.gov/hosticka. My goal is to make it faster and easier for you to stay informed about issues you and your family care about, and to provide you a way to give me feedback whenever it's most convenient for you. Please check the site regularly and take advantage of the subscription features that let you choose the way you want to stay updated.

During the next three decades, about 1 million more people will call the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region home, with 700,000 of them living within the urban growth boundary. To plan for this growth, Metro and its partners have focused on an effort called Making the Greatest Place. Its focus is to help us continue making good choices so we maintain our quality of life and plan how our region grows.

In the next few months, the Metro Council and other local governments will make decisions about how much farm and forest land to protect, where we should grow during the next 50 years and the best way to invest our limited money on creating jobs and making the most of our existing bridges, roads, trails and public transit.

Metro's chief operating officer Michael Jordan released a set of proposed strategies to inform those decisions and to inspire a regional dialogue about our future:

Strategy 1: Make the most of what we have

Invest to maintain and improve our existing communities.

Strategy 2: Protect our urban growth boundary

To the maximum extent possible, ensure that growth is accommodated within the existing boundary to protect farm and forest land and the outdoor recreation opportunities we enjoy with our families.

Strategy 3: Walk our talk

Be accountable for our actions and responsible with the public's money.

To review the recommendations, plans and reports go to <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=31389>

We can't "make the greatest place" alone. We need to hear from you. Please let me know what you think and what is most important to you by attending an open house, commenting online, sending mail or e-mail, or testifying before the Metro Council. To share your views, go to <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=31079>

Thanks for your interest and for weighing in about how best to preserve our urban growth boundary and the farm and forest land it protects; how to make the most of our existing cities and neighborhoods; and how to ensure we create enough good jobs for the people who live here now and the people who will come in the future.

And in the meantime, check my newsfeed often. I'll have updates about Making the Greatest Place and other Metro news. Let me know what you think of this new way to deliver information, and if you have any ideas for how to make it better.

All the best,

Carl Hosticka, Metro Councilor, District 3, www.oregonmetro.gov/hosticka

Carl Hosticka represents District 3, which includes portions of Washington and Clackamas counties and the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville. Councilor Hosticka can be reached at 503-797-1549 or send e-mail to carl.hosticka@oregonmetro.gov

Save Time and Save Money with E-mail Notices Through Your Washington County Libraries

The Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) is urging library patrons to choose to utilize its email notification service to receive notices for holds that are ready for pickup, courtesy reminders for items that will soon be due, as well as notification regarding any overdue items.



The email service saves both the patrons and the libraries time and money. Patrons will be able to avoid overdue fines – receiving email notices *before* items are due, a benefit only available through the email service. Quicker delivery of notices – email is days faster than the U.S. mail method. And, it is a better and more timely use of your tax dollars by cutting down on the volume of printing and postage to mail overdue notices. With an increase in the use of email notices the service will enable the Cooperative Library Services to limit the number of phone lines required to operate the automatic phone notification service.

WCCLS realizes that not all residents have email accounts, nor will they all prefer the electronic email notification method. The Cooperative will still maintain the mailed and phone notification system. “We believe that once people understand the benefits of email notification – faster, cheaper and more specific – they will want to switch,” says Eva Calcagno, Manager of the Cooperative Library Services.

Email provides more specific information than phone notification, so patrons will know the titles of materials that are waiting to be picked up or are about to be due.

With email notification library users may also stay current with updates from the fourteen local member libraries and the countywide Cooperative Library Services through newsletters, book reviews and much more.

It is easy for patrons to opt-in to the email notification service. Staff will be happy to make the necessary switch to the library card account. Bring your library card or a valid piece of identification (in addition to your library card barcode number), and email address and phone number. For additional details please visit the Cooperative Library Services website, www.wccls.org, or visit one of the WCCLS member libraries.

Metro Transportation Advisory Committee Seeks Community Representatives

Metro's Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee is looking for three community representatives to serve two-year terms beginning January 2010. TPAC provides technical input on transportation planning and funding priorities for the Portland metropolitan region to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation.

In addition to six at-large community members, TPAC has 14 representatives from agencies in Washington and Oregon that are involved in transportation issues, as well as one chair. Community members should have expertise or a strong interest in transportation policy, which can involve freight, transit, auto, cycling, pedestrian and other ways of moving goods and people.

Community representatives are selected through an application, interview and nomination process. Potential members should be able to attend regular meetings that take place on weekdays during normal working hours. Metro favors diverse representation on all its advisory committees; women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications are due at Metro by 5 p.m. Oct. 16, 2009. View a full list of members and meeting materials or submit an application online at <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=419>.

Metro Introduces Online News Service on Planning and Policy



Metro has introduced a new online news service to provide regular updates and coverage of the Metro Policy Advisory Committee, Metro Council and stakeholder meetings, public hearings and comments received. Updates will relate to land use, transportation, development, natural areas, parks and trails planning. Those interested can either review the site at <http://news.oregonmetro.gov/1/> or subscribe to receive notices when updated information is posted.

Washington County Sheriff's Office Parent University

Hosted by the Washington County Sheriff's Office and instructed by a Crime Prevention Specialist, *Parent University* workshops will help parents learn the basics about each topic, plus give ideas and strategies to help keep children healthy, safe, and drug-resistant.

- Child safety strategies (November 11)
- Child molesters (December 9)
- Internet safety (January 13)
- Youth violence (February 10)
- Teens and driving (March 10)
- Raising street-smart and resilient kids (all)



Parent University will be held every second Wednesday of the month, beginning October 14 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the Sheriff's Office Training Center at 215 SW Adams Ave, in Hillsboro. You may attend **any or all** of the sessions that you would like.

Parent University is **Free** and includes handouts and resource materials. Resistration is not required but encouraged. Drop-ins are also welcome. For more information call or email Julie McCloud, 503-846-2585 or Julie_mccloud@co.washington.or.us

Training topics are not appropriate for children to attend. Please make your own childcare arrangements as childcare is not provided.

Coat Drive Helps Local People in Need Stay Warm

The need has never been greater and it's never been easier to make a difference in your community. Here is your opportunity to make sure that nobody goes without such a basic necessity as a coat this winter.

Washington County is collecting new and clean, gently used coats and jackets as part of the One Warm Coat community service project. Coats of all shapes sizes are welcome. One Warm Coat is dedicated to distributing reusable coats, free of charge, directly to local children and adults. The program is an easy way for you and your family to pass along coats and jackets that you no longer need.

Washington County has made donating a coat simple. Just bring your coats and jackets to one of the following locations:

Public Service Building Lobby or Cafeteria 155 N. First Avenue, Hillsboro, Or

Washington County Sheriff's Office Lobby 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro, OR

Clean Water Services 2550 SW Hillsboro Highway, Hillsboro, OR

Land Use and Transportation 1400 SW Walnut Street, Hillsboro, OR

Coats will be collected from October 1, 2009, - November 20, 2009. Then Washington County will take care of the rest. All donated coats will be given to the Family Justice Initiative Washington County Counseling Program, and the Domestic Violence Resource Center.

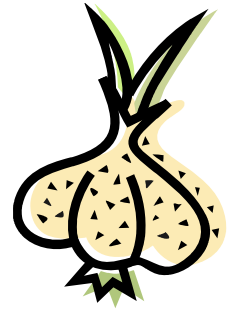
"More people than ever need help these days. I am proud of the thousands of coat drive organizers whose creativity and generosity of spirit are making a real difference in their own communities." commented Sherri Wood, President and National Coordinator for One Warm Coat.

One Warm Coat is national non-profit organization that supports and encourages coat drives. It helps individuals, groups, companies and organizations across the country collect coats and deliver them to local agencies that distribute the coats free to people in need. More than one million coats have been provided to those in need at no cost since its inception in 1992.

For more information on One Warm Coat, you can visit their website at <http://www.onewarmcoat.org/>

Plant Next Year's Garlic Now

Garlic grows well in the Northwest, and September through November is the best time to plant. Root systems develop in the fall and winter and by spring are ready for rapid top growth that is necessary to form large bulbs.



All types of garlic thrive in full sun in well-drained soil, and a sandy, silty loam is best, according to Chip Bubl, a garlic expert and horticulture faculty member at the Columbia County office of the Oregon State University Extension Service in St. Helens.

"In heavier soil, plant in raised beds that are two to three feet wide and at least 10 to 12 inches deep," he said. "Garlic have well-developed root systems that may grow more than three feet deep in well-drained soil."

Many home gardeners like to grow top-setting garlic, also called "hardneck," varieties. Top-setting garlic produces tiny bulblets at the end of a tall flowering stalk in addition to a fat underground bulb of cloves. Softneck garlic rarely produce floral stems and tend to grow bigger bulbs because energy isn't diverted to top-set bulblets.

Some enthusiasts say top-setting garlic has a richer, more pungent flavor than non-flowering types. Both types can be harvested in early spring like green onions and sautéed as a delicious side dish, or allowed to mature in mid-July to a bulb with cloves.

Common hardneck types include Korean, Siberian, Music, Chesnock Red, German Red and Spanish Roja. Softneck varieties include Silverskin, Inchelium Red, California Early and California Late.

Another type, elephant garlic, is actually a type of leek that produces large, mild-tasting cloves, usually fewer per bulb than the true garlics.

Bubl suggests the following ways to grow garlic successfully.

- Lime the soil prior to final bed shaping if you haven't done so recently. Before planting cloves, work in a couple tablespoons of 5-10-10 complete fertilizer, bone meal or fish meal into the soil several inches below where the base of the garlic will rest. Select healthy large cloves, free of disease. The larger the clove you plant, the bigger the bulb you will get the following summer.
- Plant cloves root side down, two inches deep and two to four inches apart in rows spaced 10 to 14 inches apart. Space elephant garlic cloves about 6 inches apart. Garlic can be lightly mulched to improve soil structure and reduce weeds. A single 10-foot row should yield about 5 pounds of the fragrant bulbs. Garlic is rarely damaged by insects
- Fertilize garlic in the early spring by side dressing or broadcasting with bloodmeal, pelleted chicken manure or a synthetic source of nitrogen. Just before the bulbs begin to swell in response to lengthening daylight (usually early May), fertilize lightly one more time. Keep garlic well weeded, as it cannot stand much competition. As the spring weather dries out, water garlic to a depth of two feet every eight to 10 days. As mid-June approaches, taper off on the watering.
- Don't wait for the leaves to start dying to check for maturity. Sometimes garlic bulbs will be ready to harvest when the leaves are still green. The best way to know is to pull one up and cut it open cross-wise. Start checking for mature cloves about late June. Harvest garlic when the head is divided into plump cloves and the skin covering the outside of the bulbs is thick, dry and papery.

"If left in the ground too long, the bulbs sometimes split apart and become difficult to harvest as intact heads," Bubl said. "The skin may also split, exposing the cloves and causing them not to store well."

- Dig, then dry the mature bulbs in a shady, warm, dry and well-ventilated area for a few days. Then remove the tops and roots. Brush dirt off the bulbs. To braid garlic together, harvest it a bit earlier while leaves are green and supple
- Avoid bruising the garlic, as it will not store well. Store bulbs in a dark, dry and well-ventilated place. Protect from high humidity and freezing. Do not store garlic in the refrigerator because cool temperatures combined with moisture stimulate sprouting. Properly stored garlic should last until the next crop is harvested the following summer.

Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter Thanks Community

Shelter received some 3,800 pounds of pet food

The Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro recently asked for the community's support. The shelter announced a request for pet food, especially for the kittens and cats.

"The community really responded!" says Deborah Wood, Animal Services manager. "We want to say thank you! We are so grateful for the outpouring of support. Residents from as far away as Camas in Washington and throughout the Portland metropolitan area donated nearly 3,800 pounds of pet food during the last two weeks.



"Their giving spirit is truly remarkable considering the current economic climate. This just goes to show you how much our community cares for companion animals and values the work that we do," Wood said.

This year the animal shelter will receive about 3,000 cats and kittens. The numbers of kittens admitted to the animal shelter are always highest during the kitten season, which generally runs from May through November.

Almost 100 percent of the food the shelter serves to the pets is donated. Items that the animals also need include topical flea treatment, such as Frontline or Advantage. And, cash is always welcomed. Donations may be brought to the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter at 1901 SE 24th Avenue, Hillsboro during regular business hours. (Saturdays 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Thursdays noon to 6:00 PM; closed Sundays).

Donations are tax-deductible. For more information on the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter's services, adoptable pets and donations, see www.co.washington.or.us/pets.

For more information contact: Deborah Wood, Animal Services Manager, 503-846-7148,
Deborah_Wood@co.washington.or.us

Why is Household Hazardous Waste a Problem?

Small quantities of hazardous materials are common in the homes of most Oregonians. Examples include pesticides, herbicides, poisons, corrosives, solvents, fuels, paints, motor oil, antifreeze, and mercury and mercury-containing wastes. Risks from household hazardous wastes stem from improper use, handling, storage and disposal. Some of these can be toxic in small quantities and represent significant hazards to human health and the environment.

According to national estimates, each home contains from three to eight gallons of hazardous materials in kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and basements. Throwing them in the garbage can threaten sanitation workers, who can be injured or poisoned by acids, fires, and explosions. The outcome of improper use and handling of household hazardous wastes is the potential contamination of surface water, groundwater, and air resulting in exposure to humans. **Do not dispose of your household toxic trash down the sink, on the ground, down a storm drain or in your garbage can.**

How to Minimize Hazardous Waste in Your Home

1. Use safer alternatives.
2. Read labels before purchasing. Watch for the words "caution," "warning," and "danger." Follow label directions.
3. Buy only what you need and will use up.
4. If you do have products left over, give them to friends, neighbors, or charitable institutions to use up.
5. Take unwanted products to a hazardous waste collection site.

For more information on the dangers of hazardous household products and how you can reduce them, go to <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/hhw/products.htm>

Public Affairs Forum Topics for October 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://washingtoncountyforum.org/time-place>

October 19, 2009

Topic: The Old Spaghetti Factory - a National Success Story.

Speaker: Chris Dussin, CEO and Chris Hein, Marketing Director.

October 26, 2009

Topic: Earthquakes! in Oregon.

Speaker: James Roddey, Earth Sciences Information Officer, Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

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.washingtoncountyforum.org

County to Consider Temporary Discount of Transportation Development Tax

The Washington County Board of Commissioners will soon consider adopting a temporary discount for the Transportation Development tax. This methodology adjustment could affect development on all properties within Washington County, including urban unincorporated, within cities, and rural areas. The purpose of the proposed temporary discount is to provide a temporary reduction in the transportation Development Tax within Washington County due to the current economic situation.

The Board will consider the proposed methodology adjustment at their regularly scheduled public hearing on October 20, 2009. Public testimony about the proposed Transportation Tax Temporary Discount may be submitted in writing prior to or at the hearing. Oral testimony may also be provided at the hearing. Written testimony may be mailed to the Board in advance of the hearing in care of the Long Range Planning Division, 155 N. First Ave, Suite 350-14, Hillsboro, OR 97124, or faxed to 503-846-4412. **They are unable to accept e-mail as public testimony.**

If you have any questions about the proposed Transportation Development Tax temporary discount, please contact Steve L. Kelley at 503-846-3519. A memorandum explaining the proposed reduction and a copy of the methodology are available on-line at:

www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/PlanningPrograms/TransportationPlanning/transportation-development-tax.cfm.

Important Washington County Services Phone Numbers

Sheriff: Community education/advice	503-846-2700
Sheriff Non-Emergency	503-629-0111
Septic Tank Permits:	503-846-8722
Watermaster (Water Rights and Wells)	503-846-7780
Health & Human Services:	503-846-8881
Land Use and Transportation:	503-846-4530
Customer Services	503-846-8611
Code Enforcement (building)	503-846-6748
Animal Services	503-846-7041





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Climate Change Seminar Series

OSU Extension Service is sponsoring a **free**, public seminar series focusing on aspects of climate change at the Charles D. Cameron Public Service Building, Shirley Huffman Auditorium, 155 N. 1st Ave, Hillsboro (**please use the rear entrance**).

- Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 7:00-8:30pm
Linking Population Growth, Development and Global Warming
Derric Jacobs, Ph.D. Candidate, OSU College of Liberal Arts
- Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Climate Models and Predicting the Future
Karen Shell, Ph.D. OSU College of Atmospheric Sciences
- Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 7:00-8:30pm
Humidity and the Seasonality of Influenza
Jeffrey Shaman, OSU college of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences



Please join us for these presentations and discussion.

For more information, contact OSU Extension Service at 503-821-1150, 18640 NW Walker Rd. #1411, Beaverton, OR 97006 or <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/>.