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To review the Metzger-Progress Community Plan, go to

www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/publicat.htm

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No CPO 4M meeting in August

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. 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.

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, 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

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

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. If you have questions about how to comment or about the public open houses and hearings, call 503-797-1735.

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

CASE FILE TYPE	APPLICANT/LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
09-100 Type II R18-24	Laurie Huskey 9505 SW Hall Blvd.	Extension of Casefile 06-584-S/D (R)	Application received. Status is pending.

Type II land use applications have a 14-day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless the 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.

The Open Paw Program: Saving Lives and Creating Great Pets

You'll see something really different when you stop by to visit the animals at the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter: We're telling you "DO feed the animals!" Encouraging everyone to give our cats and dogs treats as they walk by is part of a new program called Open Paw. This innovative program teaches shelter animals social skills. It also helps them cope with—and even enjoy—life at the shelter while they wait for adoption.

"The difference in our animals since we've started this program is absolutely stunning," says Animal Services Manager Deborah Wood. Many of the animals who come to the shelter were not well-socialized by their previous owners. Plus, a shelter is an unavoidably noisy and scary place for a dog or cat. Before we started Open Paw, cats usually hid in the back of their cages. Dogs turned away from people or barked at them. Open Paw changed that. You'll find friendly dogs wagging their tails in greeting. You'll meet kitties sitting at the front of their cages, waving to you to come over and visit.

"We knew this would make a difference. Still, the extent of the change and how rapidly it happened has surprised all of us," says Wood.

Here's how the program works for dogs:

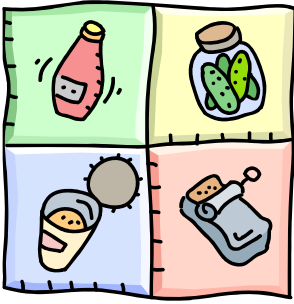
- Dogs are fed a small breakfast in a Kong toy. The dogs have to lick and push at the toy to get the food—which helps keep them entertained during the day. The rest of their daily food ration is placed in a pail on the front of their kennels. As potential adopters, staff, volunteers, and other visitors come to the shelter, everyone feeds the dogs a bite or two of their kibble. Quickly the dogs learn that strangers are wonderful, delightful, fabulous people who feed them. It teaches dogs to enjoy new people.
- Dogs get at least three short walks a day. This keeps their housetraining skills in place while they're in the shelter.
- Volunteers go in and out of each dog's kennel several times a day. Sometimes the dog is petted, sometimes the volunteer gives the dog a treat, and sometimes the dog goes for a walk. The dogs learn that waiting calmly and quietly is always rewarded with something wonderful—a lesson that they take with them to their new homes.

For cats:

- Cats receive some of their food in a little egg-shaped toy, allowing them to play with their food all day long.
- When visitors come to the shelter, they feed the kitties treats (canned food on a sterile stick) so the cats learn that humans are those great people who give them treats.

Come visit the animals at the shelter. And when you come—DO feed the animals!





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.

What We Do By the Numbers

8,500 Animal Control Calls: Our six Animal Control Officers are dispatched to about 8,500 calls a year. When there's a loose dog out on a busy street, a dog has bitten a child, an animal has been abused, or a bobcat is found in the woodshed—our officers are dispatched. They have jobs every bit as dramatic as the heroes you see on the "Animal Cops" shows on Animal Planet.

4 Dispatchers: We have a staff of four Administrative Specialists who take all the calls, dispatch the Animal Control Officers, sell the dog licenses, and answer questions over the phone and at our front desk.

1,500 Spay/Neuter Surgeries: Our two part-time veterinarians and one certified veterinary technician spay or neuter about 1500 animals a year before they go to their loving new homes.

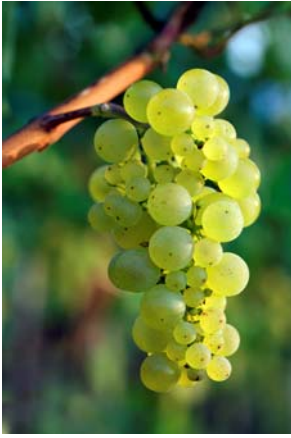
2,232 New Families: Last year, our shelter found homes for 2232 homeless pets, either through direct adoption or placing the animal with another rescue group.

17 percent: Our adoption rate has increased 17 percent for the first five months of 2009 compared to 2008.

1,278 Worried Owners: In 2008, 1,278 stray dogs and cats were reunited with their families at the shelter. The bottom line: license your dog, and make sure that dogs and cats have microchips. They make happy endings happen.

81 Volunteers: We have doubled our number of volunteers in the past few months—we now have 81 active volunteers. These great folks walk dogs, clean cages, socialize animals, write descriptions of adoptable animals on Petfinder.com, help in the administrative office and do countless other tasks for us. They provide thousands of dollars worth of labor to our shelter—for just our thanks and the thanks of a lot of dogs and cats.





Growing Grapes in Oregon Home Gardens

Since wine-making began in Mesopotamia in about 6,000 B.C., growing grapes has been a popular vocation. And, given the fact that grapes grow both domestic and wild over the entire globe, it's no wonder why.

“It's phenomenal that a plant can be so geographically disposed and thrive in the tropics as well as in the temperate zones of Canada and Russia,” said Steve Renquist, horticulturist in the Oregon State University Extension Service office in Douglas County. “Many wine and juice grapes don't even need rich soil; if it's too fertile it can be a detriment to the quality of the fruit.”

Whether a table variety or those squeezed for juices or wine, grapes are a healthy food, Renquist said. “The resveratrol polyphenolic in grapes is an antioxidant with potential health benefits, such as reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer.”

Home gardeners can grow grapes in a small place as long as the plants get a minimum of six to eight hours of sun daily for good fruit bud development and sugar production. Table grapes do need healthy soil and grow well in the Willamette Valley, which Renquist claims is as fertile as California table grape soils in the San Joaquin Valley.

Well-drained soil, however, is important, as is air circulation to minimize the threat of disease. Renquist advises planting grapes away from the house, a tree or a solid fence. They can be grown on a trellis, in a spot that shades the patio or even in a large container

Understanding grape growth and pruning are needed to make sure vines produce high-quality fruit, according to the illustrated OSU Extension publication “Growing Grapes in Your Home Garden,” (EC 1305), which is available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/html/ec/ec1305/>. The publication provides detailed instruction in planting and propagation, care of established plants, pests and harvest.

Although grapes can be grown worldwide, varieties adapt to rainfall, frost and climate in different ways. With many from which to choose, it's important to select only those known to perform well in your area. For descriptions of grape varieties that grow in most areas of Oregon, see another OSU Extension publication, "Grape Cultivars for Home Gardens," (EC 1309) at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec1309.pdf>

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:

- 9:00am Urban Poultry, James Hermes, OSU Extension Poultry Specialist
- 10:00am 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.

Organize a Neighborhood Walk Today!

Building a stronger sense of community helps overcome many community barriers to walking. One way to bring neighbors together and expose residents to the experience of walking in their neighborhood is to organize a neighborhood walk. Some examples include:

- A walk to visit a new park or pathway
- A walk to an event (neighborhood fair, local coffee shop)
- A nighttime holiday walk to view decorations
- A fitness walk or walking just for the sake of walking



The simplest way to improve walking in your neighborhood is to get more people walking! There is safety (and comfort) in numbers. As more people start walking:

- You'll get to meet more of your neighbors and thus start building a stronger community
- More people will notice barriers to walking and may add their voice to yours
- Motorists will be more aware of pedestrians and may change their behavior
- There will be more "eyes on the street" to discourage crime and graffiti

While lack of pedestrian facilities may certainly deter people from walking, lack of knowledge about walking routes or how close some popular destinations are may be a large reason why people don't think to walk. Following are some ideas on how to encourage your neighbors to walk.

Safety Tips for Pedestrians:

- Be safe and be seen: make yourself visible to drivers
 - Wear bright/light colored clothing and reflective materials.
 - Carry a flashlight when walking at night.
 - Cross in a well-lit area at night.
 - Stand clear of buses, hedges, parked cars or other obstacles before crossing so drivers can see you.
- Be smart and alert: avoid dangerous behaviors
 - Always walk on the sidewalk; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
 - Stay sober; walking while impaired increases your chance of being struck.
 - Don't assume vehicles will stop; make eye contact with drivers; don't just look at the vehicle. If a driver is on a cell phone, they may not be paying enough attention to drive safely.
 - Don't rely solely on pedestrian signals; look before you cross the road.
 - Be alert to engine noise or backup lights on cars when in parking lots and near on-street parking spaces.

For more information, please visit: www.walkinginfo.org

Neighborhood Watch News (Vol_23 issue_8-August, 2009)

SOLV Beach Cleanup Set for September 19th



25th 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 . 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 . Groups of less than 20 and individuals are encouraged to register online and need not call ahead.

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

Tigard Cityscape, August 2009

Sign up for the Sheriff's Citizen Academy!



Learn the inner workings of your Sheriff's Office by attending the 23rd Citizen Academy! Citizen-students receive more than 50 hours of training that consists of classroom and hands-on instruction, interaction with deputies, demonstrations of police equipment, presentations by special response teams, and participation in jail activities. You'll learn the responsibilities and duties of Sheriff's Office personnel, tour criminal justice facilities, including the jail, and much more. New topics this year include presentations by the Robbery/Homicide Unit and our new robot team! Academies are limited to 40 students, so apply online: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff/citizens/academy.htm> today!

Contact darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us, extension 2774 for more information

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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. To get involved or sign up, call Laura at 206-274-2906 or send email to laura.wharton@tpl.org.



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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 185th 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) by Thursday, September 10 to reserve a space so that we may plan for handout materials and refreshments.