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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 Meeting for the month of July 2009

Letter from the Chair

The Metzger Park Board of Directors and Washington County Staff, community and CPO 4M are celebrating the 25th National Night Out at Metzger Park on Tuesday, August 4th, 2009 at 7:00PM – 9:30PM.

According to the Washington County Sheriff's Department, National Night Out is designed to improve safety in all neighborhoods. It is a unique crime and drug prevention event to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
2. Generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnership
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

The celebration is brought to you by the Washington County Sheriff's Department. It will feature an opportunity to inspect a variety of vehicles used for public safety including fire, police, water, department vehicles. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will bring their fire safety house and Metro West Ambulance will bring an ambulance. Washington County Staff will be there to welcome those in attendance. Complimentary coffee will be provided by Starbucks. There will be balloons for the kids and visits from McGruff the Crime Dog, CPO 4M, Neighborhood Watch, Tualatin Valley Water District, and Fred Meyer will have informational displays.

The celebration for National Night Out will occur in the parking area of Metzger Park, 8400 SW Hemlock near the corner of Hall Blvd and Hemlock Street. Bring the family and spend time enjoying the lovely Metzger Park environment.

If you are unable to attend National Night Out at Metzger Park, you are urged to get together with neighbors for such activities as block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks or other activities. For additional information regarding National Night Out events, you can contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Unit at 503-846-2579.

Respectfully yours,

Pat Whiting
CPO 4M Chair

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.

Seniors Need to Stay Cool During Hot Weather

As Washington County experiences its first real heat wave this summer with temperatures expected to hover in the low 90's over the next few days, Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services would like to remind older adults and people with heat sensitive disabilities to take the following precautions in the hot weather:



- Keep air circulating with fans; take cool sponge baths.
- Go to an air-conditioned building if possible. Older adults can visit their local senior center, library, or mall.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-weight clothing. If going out, wear a hat.
- Drink lots of water and don't wait to get "thirsty".
- Avoid alcohol.
- Limit physical activity and direct exposure to the sun.
- Check with your health care provider about how the warm weather may affect your prescription drugs.
- Contact your health care provider if you experience prolonged heat-related symptoms, or if those symptoms significantly affect the ability to care for yourself.

Heat stroke and heat exhaustion are the most common conditions directly associated with summer heat waves. However, hot weather can also place a dangerous strain on the heart, exacerbate respiratory impairments like asthma or emphysema and a range of other medical conditions, and also affect the ability to manage chronic diseases like diabetes and hypertension.

Since air conditioning has been found to be the single most important factor in reducing heat related risks, seniors and people with disabilities are encouraged to visit air-conditioned buildings in their community if their homes do not have air conditioning. Senior centers, Loaves and Fishes meal sites, community centers, libraries, shopping malls and movie theatres are good options. Even a few hours a day out of the heat can make a big difference.

This is also an opportunity for neighbors to check on their elderly or disabled friends and relatives during the hot weather. Since many people experiencing heat-related symptoms may be unaware that they are having a problem, it is critical to check on elderly and disabled folks living alone or who are socially isolated.

For more information about services for the elderly and disabled, call Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services at 503-640-3489.

New Feature in Tigard Maps!

Buying locally just got easier. Want to find out which licensed businesses are close to your home? The city recently joined its geographic information system (Tigard Maps) with the business license database.

Now users can map registered businesses in their neighborhood. Log onto Tigard Maps at www.Tigardmaps.com and simply type in your address. All licensed businesses within a 1/2-mile radius will appear on the map. Tigard Maps also displays the company's address and type of operation.

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Free Public Wireless Internet in Downtown Tigard

The City of Tigard has launched a free public wireless Internet service in downtown Tigard along Main Street. The service is made possible by a partnership with the Tigard Chamber of Commerce who is providing the facility and the City is providing the hardware and the Wi-Fi service. The public will need a wireless ready laptop or PDA and this service does not require a subscription or logon.

The launch of the free public wireless Internet access helps to complement both the City's goal of promoting Tigard as a Place to Call Home and the City's current redevelopment of downtown Tigard to attract business and people. The Wi-Fi service will be available along the length of Main Street, Burnham Street, portions of Fanno Creek Park, and the Tri-Met WES station. Free public wireless hotspots are also located at Cook Park and the Tigard City Hall complex.

The implementation of the wireless access uses low cost devices to repeat the Internet signal throughout downtown and the devices were installed by City of Tigard Public Works staff, reducing installation and maintenance costs.

Calling all Dogs! Dog Days of Tigard

Dog lovers and their canine companions are invited to the 7th Annual Dog Days of Tigard. The event will be held on Saturday, July 18, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Potso Dog Park, 7930 SW Hunziker Street (behind Coe Manufacturing) in Tigard.

Contests, prizes and a raffle benefitting Tigard dog parks are sure to make this year's event a tail-wagging good time. For more information, please contact the Tigard Dog Park Committee at www.tigarddogparks.org



Seven great reasons to check out this event @ Potso Dog Park!

- Participate in fun activities with your dog.
- Talk with a vet.
- Learn about doggie daycare, training, and mediation services.
- Meet police officers and their canine partners from Washington County's K-9 unit.
- Visit with representatives from a local K-9 search and rescue group.
- Meet other dog owners and share tips.
- Support the Tigard Dog Parks!

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CPO Email News and Discussion Group

CPOTalk, an email news and discussion group for CPO members, focuses on land-use and livability issues in Washington County. Sign up to receive the latest information on land use and livability in Washington County. Regular postings include articles from local newspapers, state legislative updates, and local/regional/state reports relating to land use and livability.

To sign up for *CPOTalk*, send an email to cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu with your name, street address, zipcode and email address. We'll do the rest!

To keep email messages to a minimum, you can elect to receive messages in digest form (one email a day with all messages received within a 24-hour period). For more information, contact Patt Opdyke, CPO Coordinator, 503-821-1124 or patt.opdyke@oregonstate.edu.

Street Maintenance Dollars at Work

Tigard's street network represents residents. Protecting and maintaining this street network is a priority of the city. Recognizing this, the City Council adopted a Street Maintenance Fee several years ago to provide funding for pavement overlays, slurry seals, and other treatments to keep our streets in good condition. This fee raises approximately \$800,000 per year for road maintenance.

Asphalt overlays involve a full paving crew placing a couple of inches of new pavement on streets with higher traffic volume and/or poor pavement condition. Slurry seals are a much less expensive thinner coating used on lower volume streets with good pavement. Our paving plan for this summer is:

Asphalt Overlay:

- McDonald Street from Hall Blvd. to 97th Avenue
- Durham Road from 72nd Avenue to Upper Boones Ferry Road
- Shady Lane from Greenburg Road to 95th Avenue
- 72nd Avenue and Ventura Drive from Oak Street to Ventura Court
- Tigard Drive from 115th Avenue to Summercrest Drive
- Springwood Drive from Cottonwood Lane to Ironwood Loop



Slurry Seal:

Slurry seals are scheduled for several local and lower-volume streets near the Ventura Drive, Springwood Drive, and Tigard Drive areas. For a complete list of streets, see the map posted at www.tigard-or.gov/construction

The overlay process includes a few days of construction on each street. Slurry seals are typically done within a day or two. Staff and contractors will work with residents, businesses, and visitors to maintain access and minimize disruption as much as possible throughout the project.

Not Enough \$\$:

Unfortunately, the cost of asphalt has more than doubled in recent years. The cost of oil has increased (asphalt is an oil product) and refineries have figured out how to get more gasoline (and thus less asphalt) out of a barrel of oil. This means that the \$800,000 collected is no longer enough to keep up with normal pavement deterioration. While we are doing our best to use the existing funds to keep our streets in good condition, there are many streets that are good overlay candidates that are not being paved. The reason is simple. We do not have the funding to overlay all of them.

For answers about the construction process, contact Vannie Nguyen at 503-718-2460 or vannie@tigard-or.gov. For information about which streets get (or don't get) treated, contact Mike McCarthy at 503-718-2462 or mikem@tigard-or.gov. For a complete list of projects, log onto www.tigard-or.gov/construction.

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Visit Us at the Fair! July 30 - August 2, 2009

This year's theme for our educational displays at the fair is **SKID/SKUD!!** What kind of crazy language is that you

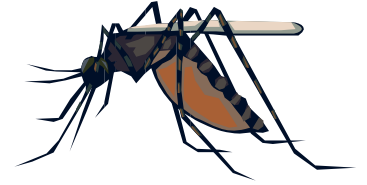
ask? Well, both are acronyms for two very serious issues in our community involving youth: **Stopping Kids Impaired Driving & Stop Kids Underage Drinking!**



As most of you know, **SKID** is a very successful educational program that the Sheriff's Office has been staging for years on high school campuses around the county. **SKID** is a program that portrays what appears to be a fatal alcohol-related traffic crash, to illustrate the consequences of drunk driving. **SKID** is a graphic and realistic portrayal of crushed vehicles and injured bodies that has a powerful impact on all who witness it.

At the Fair, visitors to the Sheriff's Office Booth will learn more about this program as well as compelling information about the dangers of underage drinking. During these tough economic times, you may notice a slightly scaled back version of our usual booth but we trust you will find it as engaging and informative as always. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Protecting Against West Nile Virus



It's time to send out the West Nile Virus alerts for mosquito season, but Kenny Carver already started his annual campaign against the insects in Washington County. Carver, a 2004 graduate of Eastern Oregon University, hadn't planned to become an expert in mosquito abatement, but his work in Union and Multnomah counties prepared him for his current assignment: to protect the people in Washington County from the West Nile Virus carried by mosquitoes. He now works for Washington County as the Mosquito Control Coordinator.

His adversary is formidable. "There are mosquitoes that thrive in the cold waters of Alaska and other species that inhabit hot springs," Carver reports. Almost anywhere that water sits in ponds, backwaters, bird baths, and the drains in parking lots (called catch basins) and along gutters will harbor mosquito larvae.

Carver's main job is "surveillance," looking for spots that mosquitoes have started to breed. He uses a dipper in ponds and catch basins to catch larvae. He collects recently dead birds and tests them for West Nile Virus. And he has traps that use dry ice (mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide), little fans and netting to capture adult mosquitoes so he can test them for the virus.

The first approach that Carver uses to control mosquitoes is to eliminate their "viable habitat:" buckets, old tires, and planters that collect water are easy targets and easy to deal with, just empty them out. "Homeowners can be really helpful by being sure that places with standing water on their property where mosquitoes breed are drained," according to Carver. "Birdbaths are fine as long as the water is changed at least once a week. Swimming pools that are properly chlorinated won't support mosquito larvae, either."

Sometimes water gathers when there is a drainage problem. Carver works with the property owners to stop the source of the water, or move it away from where water can gather into pools.

"When it comes to treatment of self-contained water bodies, our first line of defense is mosquito-eating fish, called *Gambusia*," says Carver. From his office, he gives away hundreds of the almost translucent two-inch long fish for free to homeowners, farmers, timber mills, and businesses. Mosquito fish are non-native to Oregon and therefore state law restricts their use to self-contained water bodies which are not fed or drained by natural waterways.

If *Gambusia* aren't enough, Carver and his team plant a "larvicide" in mosquito breeding habitat throughout the county. The larvicide is actually a naturally occurring bacterium found in soil, BTI, for bacillus thuringiensis israelensis, contained in small pellets.

Carver also works with other government agencies, schools, shopping centers, and other businesses, apartment buildings and anywhere people gather to provide education and services. "We'll help the owners understand what they can do to eliminate mosquitoes."

In Washington County, Carver has found West Nile Virus in birds but not yet in mosquitoes, horses or people. About 80 % of the people who get it have no symptoms and usually don't even know that they had it.

But approximately 20% of people who get West Nile virus will experience mild, flu-like symptoms. Less than 1% will develop severe illness – usually people older than 50 years, or with hypertension, diabetes or who consume high levels of alcohol.

"We don't want to create fear," says Carver, "but we want to encourage people to take practical protective measures." He suggests:

- Eliminate breeding spots around your home: empty buckets, drain old tires, clean out rain gutters, change water in bird baths and similar fixtures at least weekly.
- Wear protective clothing when you're out in the mornings and evenings, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Check to be sure screens in your home are secure.
- Use a mosquito repellent with DEET in it, or natural repellents like picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

To contact Kenny Carver for information or to obtain free *Gambusia* fish, call **503-846-2904** or see <http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/News/mosquito-hunter.cfm> for more information.

Washington County Libraries Offer Free Online Assistance to Prepare for Careers

The Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) has just launched a new electronic product for library patrons titled LearningExpress Library. Improving the job search process, preparing for career certification, raising college entrance test scores and improving 21st century basic skills are all possible now with just the click of a mouse. The LearningExpress Library service is available on the WCCLS website (www.wccls.org) through three of the Online Resource links — it can be found under the categories of: Careers, Education and Jobs.

LearningExpress Library is a wonderful tool to help anyone interested in preparing for their GED, US Citizenship, Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) or SAT, as well as many online civil service tests such as those for EMT, police officer and firefighter careers. Jodi Nielsen, WCCLS Senior Program Educator reports that “through the new service library patrons can take courses on writing resumes and preparing for interviews — and use of the service will also help improve basic skills in reading, writing and math”. The service enables users to create their own individual username and password to take tests and track their progress. Participants will get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of their results.

There are even tests and courses designed for native Spanish speakers who are interested in improving English reading and writing skills. Patrons can prepare to take important tests in English, or hone skills for a school or workplace where English is used. Instructions are also provided in Spanish.

WCCLS has recently trained local library staff on how to use this new online resource and the product is now fully ready for use by WCCLS library cardholders. Additional assistance for the service is available in the online tutorial in the LearningExpress Help Center.

Dahlias Add Sunny Tones to the Summer Garden

Although they require special care, colorful dahlia perennials can grace Oregon's gardens from July until frost.

Native to central Mexico, the first wild dahlias were mostly single-flower types that grew on well-drained volcanic soils. Today's come in a great variety of forms, from dinner-plates and pom-poms to single anemones and orchids.

Dahlias grow from tender, fleshy tubers, according to Barb Fick, home horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. Their roots tend to be shallow; she recommends careful cultivating. In early July, mulch plants with well-aged compost to keep out competing weeds. Bait for slugs when the plants are young, and watch for earwigs when blossoms begin to form.

Dahlias are fast growing and require a rich, well-drained soil. It is important to keep the soil moist, but not soggy. Their fleshy roots can be damaged if waterlogged.

As plants grow, a monthly feeding will encourage large blooms, but do not fertilize dahlias after mid-August.

The large-flowering types may grow into bush-sized plants and should be staked to keep large, bushy plants from falling over.

For the showiest flowers, some dahlias perform better with some disbudding. When the flower buds appear, remove any adjacent side buds or suckers just below the terminal flower buds.

Dahlias make wonderful cut flowers. Cut the blossoms when they are fully open and put the cut ends into warm water immediately. Use floral preservatives or change the water every two to three days to increase the life of cut flowers.

For more information about growing and caring for dahlias, the OSU Extension Service offers a free fact sheet entitled "Dahlia Culture" (FS 95) online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/html/fs/fs95/>



By Judy Scott, 541-737-1386
Source: Barb Fick, 541-766-6075

Fanno Creek Restoration & Short-term Trail Closures

Stream restoration work and trail closures in Fanno Creek Park will begin in late July between Main Street and Hall Boulevard. Trail closures will be short-term and not affect connectivity through the park. Work will occur over the next two years with stabilization and restoration of eroding creek banks in the summer of 2009. This project is a joint effort between the City of Tigard and Clean Water Services to improve the form and function of Fanno Creek.

For more information and trail closure updates, please visit the City website at www.tigard-or.gov/fannocreek. Or call: City of Tigard with general questions/trail closures **Cheryl Caines 503-718-2437**. Clean Water Services (technical/construction) **Peter Guillozet 503-681-4470**.



Free Band Concert!

Ready for some live music? The Tualatin Valley Community Band, under direction of Steve Heuser, will present a free “Sounds of Summer” concert on Sunday, July 26 at 7 p.m. in the Bishop-Scheckla Pavilion located in Cook Park

Bring a picnic basket and relax. This hour-long concert will feature a number of familiar summer melodies and a few new tunes that will have you whistling all the way home.

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Master Gardener will Help you Curb Use of Pesticides

Master Gardener Dian Cooper is searching for neighborhood associations, groups of friends and other interested in scheduling a presentation on household pesticide use.

Cooper recently underwent training as part of the Urban Pesticide Reduction Program a joint effort of Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Agriculture designed to make homeowners aware of pesticide use and present alternatives to reduce or eliminate pesticides.

Cooper says during the two to three hour presentation, designed for ages 12 and up, she will talk about how to eliminate pests using physical barriers, help identify which pests are actually good for your home and garden and look at plants that don't get pests.

“Although I thought I was well-versed on pests and pesticides,” Cooper said, “I was surprised a few times by the information in this class. There are opportunities for small group discussion and sharing, and at the end of the program people should be fired up to make changes.

Contact Diane Cooper at 503-644-8365 or cooper@msn.com.

Oregonian June 25, 2009, Cindy Hudson

Do You Know These People?



Visit www.canyouidme.org -- The people in these pictures are persons of interest or potential witnesses to a crime. Some of them just happened to be present right before or after an incident. They may have seen a car or a person, or noticed a detail that would solve a crime. Please take a look at the photos and consider whether you can help. We can keep your information confidential.

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**Washington County Seeks Public Input on
 Urban and Rural Reserve Draft Recommendations**



A public hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, August 20, 2009, 4:00-8:00PM** in the Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 East Main St., Hillsboro. Testimony will begin at 5:00PM.

The hearing offers you an opportunity to provide official testimony on proposed urban and rural reserve areas within Washington County. You will also have the opportunity to provide written comments and testimony. All input will be included in the public record for the urban and rural reserves project.

Urban reserves will identify areas outside the existing Urban Growth Boundary where future growth could be accommodated over the next 40-50 years. Rural reserves will be areas protected from urbanization during the same time frame.

The public hearing will also include an informational open house where you can learn more about the project background and how the current reserves recommendations were identified. More information and comment opportunities are on the project website at www.co.washington.or.us/reserves.

Please plan to attend and invite your neighbors and others interested in helping shape the future of Washington County.