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Extension Service

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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Oregon Small Farm News

Oregon State University Extension Faculty invite you to subscribe to the free online newsletter that concentrates on both commercial small farm entrepreneurs as well as non-commercial small acreage landowners. The focus embraces organic/biological and conventional farming systems and emphasizes three areas:

1. Small acreage stewardship – addressing enterprises, land management and soil and water quality
2. Commercial small farms- high value horticulture, livestock, poultry, and alternative crop production emphasizing organic and niche production
3. Community food systems – alternative and specialty marketing and farm direct marketing channels

The current issue covers the following topics:

- Oregon Hosts Multicultural Roundtable
- Farm Profile: Afton Field Farm
- Compost Discovered
- USDA Release Interim Rule for Country Origin Labeling (COOL)
- Supplemental Feed for Poultry
- Women's Agricultural Networks
- Sustainable Livestock Production part 1
- Weed Control in Pastures Without Chemicals
- Are your Fruits and Vegetables Safe for Human Consumption
- What's Happening in OSU Extension
- Calendar

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

CASE FILE TYPE	APPLICANT/LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
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CPO 5 Sherwood Tualatin

08-094 Type III FD-20	David King 11285 SW Tonquin Rd.	Development review for a contractors establishment in the FD-20 district.	Hold.
08-323 Type II AF5	Josh Gerlach 12080 SW Tonquin Rd.	Dwelling in a District B and floodplain and drainage hazard alteration.	Approved.
08-366 Type II AF5	Daniel Muro 24700 SW Labrousse Rd.	Review of a health hardship dwelling in the AF-5 District.	Application received. Status is pending.
08-428 Type III FD-20	Clopton Excavating, Inc. 11277 SW Clay St.	Review and modification of conditions for Casefile 01-442D for Brian Clopton Excavating, Inc.	Application received. Status is pending.

CPO 11 Gaston, Cherry Grove

08-256 EFC Type II	Viesia Kirk 56570 SW Scoggins Valley Rd	Accessory building/ag exempt.	Approved.
08-338 Type II EFU	Jeff Boedigheimer 10418 SW Old Hwy 47	Request for a substantial improvement to raise an existing dwelling above the 100 year flood plain.	Approved.
08-359 Type II EFU	Patrick and Carrie Craft 3654 SW Anderson Rd.	Renewal of a temporary health hardship dwelling.	Approved.
08-360 Type II AF5	Kopp Construction Co. 3095 SW Old Highway 47	Request for substantial improvement to raise the foundation of an existing dwelling within the flood plain.	Approved.

CPO 12C Cornelius

08-350 Type II AF 5	Dennis and Pamela Medley 825 NW 334 th Ave.	Review for a temporary health hardship dwelling in the AF-r district.	Application received. Status is pending.
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CPO 13 Roy, Verboort, Gales Creek

08-333 Type II EFU	Duyck and Vandehey Funeral Home 9456 NW Roy Road	Renewal of a home occupation permit for a funeral home service.	Approved.
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CPO 14 Banks, Buxton, Manning, Timber

08-142 Type III EFC	Mead Mountain Ranch LLC 25360 & 25551 NW Green Mtn Rd, Banks	Determination of a vested right for Green Mountain Ranch and final approval of the partition portion of Casefile 07-195-P/S/M/37CL0342.	Approved.
08-319 Type II EFC	Amar Properties, Inc. 28700 NW Hwy 47	Request for extension of dwelling approval in the EFC district (casefile 04-184-DEFC)	Approved.

CASE FILE TYPE	APPLICANT/LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
08-328 Type II AF5	Melanie and Jon Stagnitti 15745 NW Clay Horse Dr.	Preliminary plat review for a 2-parcel partition in the AF-5 district.	Application received. Status is pending.
08-347 Type II EFU, AF20	Evergreen Pacific Inc. West side of Hwy 47, about 1000 ft. north of intersection with NW Cedar Canyon Rd.	Floodplain alteration for the construction of a farm-related storage building.	Application received. Status is pending.
08-395 Type II AF5	Randall Landers 22930 NW Fisher Rd.	Temporary health hardship permit.	Application received. Public comment period 12/11/08 – 12/26/08.
08-440 Type II AF20	Cassie Seed NW Scolfield Rd.	Marginal lands review of a parcel under 2 acres.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.

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 Washington County Public Services Building.

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OSU Extension Small Farms Conference

The 9th annual Extension Small Farms Conference will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009, from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The one-day conference will be held on the Corvallis campus of Oregon State University at the Alumni Center. The keynote speaker, Michael Rozyne, founder of Red Tomato, will speak on *The Dignity Deal: Red Tomato's Fresh Approach to Marketing Produce*. The Red Tomato is a nonprofit organization marketing fresh fruit and vegetables from family farms in the northeast and southeast US to supermarkets and other customers throughout New England. ODA Director Katy Coba is the invited capnote speaker. Find registration materials on-line after January 9 at: <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/> or call the Benton County Extension Office at 541-766-3556 or toll free at 1-800-365-0201.

New this year: On-line registration and credit card payment; sessions just for market managers.

The conference includes 12 concurrent sessions, covering a range of topics of interest to growers who market their production directly to the public, for farmers' markets managers, and for community food advocates.

- Farmscaping for Beneficials: Insect Biodiversity and On-Farm Habitat
- Tillage and Cultivation Strategies: Innovative Weed Management Equipment
- Building a Sustainable Business: A Minnesota Case Study
- Simple Ways to Promote your Farm
- Simple Ways to Promote your Farmers' Market
- Alternative Poultry Feeds
- Alternative Energy and Renewable Energy
- Management Structures for Farmers' Markets
- Conversation with Michael Rozyne
- Conversation with Community Food Security Coalition's Andy Fisher



Pre-registration is \$30 or \$50 for two registering together, and includes lunch; \$40 at the door.

This event is sponsored by Oregon State University Extension Service; Oregon Department of Agriculture; Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education.

A Reminder from Washington County Fire District #2

Call Before You Burn: 503-992-3242

“Open Burning” includes **any** burning outdoors.

It’s against the law to conduct any open burning that:

- Unreasonably interferes with enjoyment of life or property
- Creates a public or private nuisance
- Is a hazard to public safety
- Individual fire districts permit burning and may prohibit open burning, based on local fire safety or air quality concerns.



Always contact your local fire department to find out if burning is authorized on a particular day.

Backyard burning is limited to “Burn Days” authorized by DEQ during the spring (March 1 – June 15) and fall (October 1 – December 15) seasons. Call the burn line before you burn to confirm burning is allowed. Only yard debris generated from your own yard may be burned.

DEQ regulations prohibit open burning of the following materials at any time:

- Rubber
- Plastic
- Petroleum and petroleum-treated materials
- Any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors
- *Tires
- *Wet garbage
- *Asphalt or industrial waste

Agricultural burn permits requirements:

- Material burned under an agricultural permit must be waste material generated by agricultural operations.
- A property qualifies as agricultural if the primary purpose must be an intention to earn a profit in money by selling of crops or produce.

Forestry agricultural burning (burning debris from logging) is limited to burning on forest lands for forest management and is usually managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry. It is not the clearing of forest land for any other purpose.

Alternatives to Open Burning

Composting or chipping on site
Organize a Neighborhood clean-up day
Curb-side pick up
Take to central recycling center or landfill
Metro recycling information call: 503-234-3000
Reclaim used lumber

Burn safe safety tips

Create a “fire-break” around the burn pile
Never leave a burn unattended
Do not burn within 50 ft of any structures and/or combustibles
Always have an accessible water source (hose, etc.) at the burn pile

To report backyard burning violations contact: North Plains Fire Station 503-647-5524, Midway Fire Station 503-628-1080 or WCCCA non-emergency dispatch at 503-629-0111

Interested in starting a CPO in your area?
Please call us to discuss how we can make that happen.

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County to Close Cornelius – Schefflin Rd. January 5 thru February 3, 2009

New water lines being laid

Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation will close Cornelius – Schefflin Road from south of Verboort Road to Spiesschaert Road from January 5 through February 3, 2009 as part of a major road reconstruction project. Local traffic – residential, emergency vehicles, mail delivery, and school busses - will still have access. Traffic will be detoured onto Verboort Road to Martin Road to Quince Street (Highway 47) to Tualatin Valley Highway.

The closure is necessary to remove the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID) line at five crossings of Cornelius-Schefflin Road and to install casings with new irrigation lines.

Additional relocation of the TVID line will occur with the road reconstruction project in the summer of 2009.

This project will widen Cornelius – Schefflin Road to match the width of the completed sections as well as replace the bridge at Council Creek. The new bridge will be raised above the 100-year flood elevation and span the wetlands while returning Council Creek to its natural stream width and natural flow pattern. The new bridge will be wide enough to meet the needs of trucks, autos, farm equipment, bicyclists and pedestrians.



Funding comes from the state's Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) and the county's Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP). For more information contact Project Manager Bill Hunter at William_hunter@co.washington.or.us.

County to Close River Road Between Davis and Witch Hazel For Five Months

Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation will close River Road between Davis Road and Witch Hazel Road from December 29, 2008 through May 15, 2009. The closure is necessary to install a new sanitary line, a storm sewer system and widen the road. Signs with closure dates have been posted. Detour signs will be posted prior to the closure directing motorists to SE Davis, Brookwood and SE Witch Hazel Road around the construction site. Local access for residence and service providers will be available from the south end near SE Davis Road. This is the first of three construction stages.

The new improvements will replace the River Road Bridge over Rock Creek and widen River Road between Rood Bridge Road and Davis Road to three lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks. Sewer and waterlines will also be upgraded. The project is funded by Washington County's Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP), in partnership with the City of Hillsboro, Clean Water Services and the Hillsboro School District.

For additional information or inquiries about the closure please contact Abe Turki, Project Manager at 503 -846-7859 or by e-mail at abraham_turki@co.washington.or.us.

This closure was approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners on October 28, 2008.

Update (December 17, 2008: River Road Closure Delayed to December 29th because of weather

Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation has moved the River Road closure, between Davis Road and Witch Hazel Road to December 29th due to weather.



AARP Tax-Aid and CASH Oregon

AARP is asking for your assistance in recruiting over 500 volunteers to meet the needs of the community for free tax preparation.

As tax time gets closer, AARP relies on volunteer support to inform the community about the free tax preparation offered by AARP Tax-Aid and CASH (Creating Assets Savings and Hope) Oregon. Last year this valuable service helped over 16,000 taxpayers receive over \$12 million in federal tax refunds. This year, taxpayers who are eligible may qualify for the refundable

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) of up to \$4,824. Millions of dollars in EITC along with other valuable tax credits go unclaimed every year.

AARP wants to make sure that working families, individuals and seniors get the tax benefits they deserve and can get the help they need. Last year, people were turned away because the demand exceeded the number of volunteer tax preparers available to help. This year, the demand is expected to be even greater as the economy gets worse.

You can help by getting the word out to your employees, students and clients that help is needed. Some of the many benefits for volunteers include:

- Free training as you learn how to prepare tax returns
- The satisfaction of helping others make sure they get all the tax benefits they are entitled to
- The option of earning continuing education hours
- Enhancing your resume
- The choice to volunteer at over 50 sites in the Metro area
- Working flexible hours in a fun volunteer atmosphere

For more information go to www.cashoregon.org or contact the Volunteer Manager, Camille McDaniel at 503-243-7765 or email her at Camille@CashOregon.org.

OSU Extension Master Gardener Classes Start in January

The Oregon State University Extension Service's 2009 Master Gardener training in Washington County will be held at the First Baptist Church, Erickson Ave. in Beaverton on Tuesdays from Jan. 6 to March 17. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 66-hour course costs \$345. The deadline for registering is Nov. 30.



Weston Miller, an OSU Extension urban horticulturist for the Portland metro area, will teach some of the classes along with other Extension faculty, Master Gardeners and industry professionals. Through interactive instruction, participants will learn about soils, compost, home vegetable and container gardening, small fruits, home orchards, pruning, ornamental plant and lawn care, insect identification, plant diseases, ecological landscape design, water-wise gardening strategies, safe pesticide use and weed management.

Graduates will be expected to spread their new knowledge to the public by serving as volunteer garden educators for 66 hours before the end of October 2009. Possibilities include staffing educational booths at farmer's markets, helping at community or school gardens, assisting nonprofits engaged in garden-based education or answering phone calls about plant questions at county Extension offices. People who work in the nursery, landscape or garden industries can forgo the volunteer requirement by paying \$690 for the class.

To obtain an application for these trainings, call Jordis Yost at 503-650-3118, e-mail her at jordis.yost@oregonstate.edu or download a form at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/mg-registration-materials>. OSU will also offer its Master Gardener training online from Jan. 12 to April 12. Registration will open on Nov. 3. Information on the online training is at <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/workforce/master-gardener-online/>.

Oregon has more than 3,000 active, dues-paying Master Gardeners. In 2007, they reported about 150,000 interactions with the public and volunteered for more than 100,000 hours, said Gail Langellotto, the statewide coordinator for the Master Gardener program. Master Gardener training is conducted in 25 of Oregon's 36 counties. Courses typically run from 40-70 hours during the winter, and graduates are expected to volunteer for an equal amount of time within the first year of completing the course.

Caution Is Key To Sharing Road With Farm Equipment

Motorists and farm machinery can share the road safely

Over half of the 1,285 miles of roads maintained by Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation are in a rural setting. Scenic two-lane roads wind through farms, forests, nurseries and vineyards. Due to population growth, more high-speed traffic now travels on roads not designed for that kind of traffic.

Motorists traveling Washington County's rural roads may find themselves sharing the road with large, slow-moving farm equipment. Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions.



How can you recognize farm vehicles? According to the Oregon Drivers Manual, farm machinery and equipment that travels at 25 mph or less must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear when traveling on public roads. As a motorist, you must be prepared to slow down when you see this triangular sign with a red reflectorized border and a fluorescent orange-red center. Some farm vehicles may also display flashing yellow lights.

They're so big and slow, how could you possibly rear-end a farm vehicle? Consider this: A car traveling 55 mph requires about 224 feet to stop on dry pavement, assuming average reaction time and braking. A car traveling 55 mph can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 mph in about five seconds. If you do not begin to slow as soon as you see a farm vehicle, you might not have time to avoid a collision.

The most common accident occurs when a slow-moving farm vehicle is turning left. Although a tractor may appear to be stopping beside the road or turning right, it might actually be turning left. The farmer is swinging wide to line up with a gate or driveway; the driver behind the farmer may think the farmer is pulling over to let the driver pass. Look for gates, driveways or access roads on the left side of the road that may indicate a left turn.

How and when is it safe to pass farm equipment? It is illegal and very dangerous to pass farm equipment in a no passing zone. Pass only when the road ahead is clear and there is either a dashed yellow line on your side of the road or a dashed white line. And when passing, be extra cautious. Tractors and other farm equipment may be wider than they look from behind and may require ample space in both lanes.

ODOT's Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit reports that in the five-year period from 2003 through 2007, Oregon experienced 151 crashes involving farm equipment; 112 people were injured and 10 people died. Eight of those crashes and one death occurred on Washington County's roads. Almost two-thirds of Washington County's crashes were rear-end crashes or crashes during turning movements. Most crashes took place on a weekday, during the day, on dry pavement. The most frequent day of the week for crashes involving farm equipment in Washington County was Wednesday.



The keys to safety when sharing the road with farm equipment are caution and patience. A farmer understands that your trip is being delayed, so he or she will pull off the road at the first available safe location to allow you to pass.

For more information, see the Oregon Farm Bureau's publication "Rural Road Safety" at http://www.oregonfb.org/images/pdf/Road_Safety.pdf.

You have been asking . . .

How is the County Coping With the Economic Downturn?

The County's Department of Land Use and Transportation Current Planning and Building Division is entirely supported by development fees. With land development now at a snail's pace, those services are reducing staff through attrition and reassignment. In addition, gas tax-supported road maintenance services are not filling vacant positions except through internal transfers. Overall DLUT is tightening up, getting leaner. The DLUT family is doing what every family has to do during times like this - live within our means, but with a hopeful eye to the future.



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Brother, Can You Spare.....a Newsletter?

With the current economic downturn, the CPO program coordinators are looking at ways to reduce printing and postage costs. To do that, we need your help.

If you have a strong preference to read about the latest CPO activity with the newsletter “in hand”, please continue to do so. We want you to remain informed about upcoming CPO meetings, pending land development applications and other items of interest.

To sign up for the electronic newsletter using CPO NewsAlert, please send an email to Sally Yackley at cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu with your name, address and email address so she can make the necessary changes to our CPO membership database. And thank you for helping out!

Veterans Clinic to Open in Washington County

For those serving veterans who have been having to access medical services in Portland at the VA Medical Center, these services will now be available **after** December 1st in Washington County at the new clinic located at:

VA Medical Clinic
1925 NW Amber Glen Parkway
Hillsboro, OR

As more information is made available it will broadcast to the HSSN (Chair, Housing and Supportive Services Network).

For additional information regarding services provided by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, please visit <http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/portland/>. Or contact Annette Evans at 503-846-4760 or email Annette_Evans@co.washington.or.us