Citizen Participation Organization 10 & 15

CPO 10 and CPO 15 are not meeting in December

Mark your Calendars for CPO 15 Meetings in 2011

Come and meet your neighbors. CPO 15 meets every other month. We organize speakers of vital interest to our CPO area and we need your support, ideas and participation.

The next CPO 15 meetings are:

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011**
**Wednesday, March 16, 2011**
**Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

CPO 15 meets at Forest Hills Golf Course, 36260 SW Tongue Lane.

CPO 10 will meet Thursday, January 20, 2011, 7:00PM

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center,
2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy

Woodland Information Night

**Wednesday, January 12, 2011 6:30 – 8:30 pm** at the OSU Extension Service office in Washington County 18640 NW Walker Rd., Beaverton

Do you want to get more involved in taking care of your wooded property, but are unsure of where to start? Then make a New Year's resolution to attend Woodland Information Night.

Contact Amy Grotta, 503-397-3462 for more information. For directions, go to: [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/find-us](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/find-us). Co-sponsored by the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District and OSU Extension Service.

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From your Washington County Board of Commissioners:
Washington County's Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Like many communities across the nation, a growing number of our friends and neighbors are facing financial hardships. For some, the result can be an unstable housing situation or even homelessness. Washington County saw an 11 percent increase in the number of homeless last year. Nearly 1,400 people experience homelessness on any given night in Washington County, and unemployment is their most frequently-cited reason for being homeless.

On June 3, 2008, our Board of Commissioners approved the Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness. The Ten-Year Plan, which represents a partnership among organizations and jurisdictions across Washington County, is the cornerstone to developing strategies, programs, and activities that can best assist homeless families and individuals in their move toward housing and self-sufficiency.

The first two years of the Plan’s implementation has resulted in a $6 million investment of federal, state, and local resources to support our community’s homeless services. As we begin Year Three, $4 million of the $5.5 million targeted by the Plan has already been funded. This includes $700,000 in new federal funds to support mortgage and rental assistance, veteran services, mental health services, and employment support.

We can see many concrete examples of the Plan’s positive impact. One difficult, and sometimes deadly, aspect of homelessness is finding safety during extreme weather conditions, especially for children and seniors. Under the auspices of the Plan, community partners in Washington County developed a collaborative solution to address this problem. In partnership with faith-based organizations, Washington County coordinates a Severe Weather Shelter program to provide temporary emergency shelter to homeless persons during inclement weather. During the winter of 2009-10, six church shelters provided 3,221 bed stays and hot meals to homeless individuals.

When the Board of Commissioners approved the Ten-Year Plan, Chairman Brian said the following: "The collective capacity of our compassion and commitment is greater than the depth of this challenge. We believe a reduction of homelessness is an achievable goal in Washington County through this Ten-Year Plan.” Three years into the Plan, we see concrete signs that this compassion and commitment are making a difference for those facing homelessness in our community.

For information on how to get involved, please go to: http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/10-year-plan-to-end-homelessness.cfm.

Inclement Weather and CPO Meetings

CPO meetings will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather when driving conditions may be hazardous. Our decisions will match those of PCC which generally posts cancellations of evening events/classes after 3 pm. to the PCC homepage: www.pcc.edu. An alert will be displayed in red near the top of the page. Depending upon your browser's settings, you may need to refresh the page periodically to see the most up to date information.

If your CPO is scheduled to meet and the weather is bad, check the PCC website. If you see the red alert band at the top of the page, this means your CPO meeting is cancelled. If additional information is available, the alert may include links to other documents. The PCC operator voice recording will be updated to include closure notifications. This recording can be reached at (503) 244-6111, or toll free at 1-866-922-1010. We will also have a recording at the CPO Program telephone number (503) 821-1128.
**Kill A Watt® Energy Monitors Now Available @ Your Local Libraries**

Now that temperatures are dipping you may be looking for ways to cut down on your electric bill. Washington County library cardholders can now checkout a new tool that can help them check-in to energy savings at home. Energy Trust of Oregon has joined forces with the libraries throughout Oregon to provide a Kill A Watt® Energy Monitor that can be borrowed, like a book. Reserve yours today through the WCCLS catalog at [http://catalog.wccls.org/](http://catalog.wccls.org/) search for kill a watt, or call 503-846-3222.

The Kill A Watt® monitor provides an easy way to measure the energy usage of household appliances and electronics. It can also reveal many surprising energy wasters—like a television that is turned “off” but still draws power. The monitor measurements can help you identify older appliances that may be costing a bundle to keep around.

The Kill A Watt® is simple to use: it is plugged into an electric socket, and then the electronic device to be measured is plugged into the Kill A Watt®. The monitor shows how much energy the device is using in kilowatt hours, the same measurement used on electricity bills. Those numbers can be calculated to show energy costs by hour, day, month or year. Monitors at the library are packaged with directions and tips, plus advice on how to apply the information learned to start saving energy. Using the results from the Kill A Watt®, households can make adjustments that can reduce their overall energy use and lower monthly utility bills.

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**Metro Update on Chehalem Ridge Natural Natural Area**

A year has passed since Metro’s voter-approved Natural Areas Program purchased an 1,100 –acre property near you, and there’s a lot of progress to report. The new Chehalem Ridge Natural Area features a young Douglas-fir forest, valuable oak habitat, beaver ponds, Cascade views – and a focused habitat improvement effort to increase diversity for wildlife.

**Property management:** Metro’s science and field staff have been busy getting to know the property, developing stewardship and fire management plans. A natural resource technician was assigned to work primarily at Chehalem Ridge, serving as the eyes and ears of the natural area. Increased patrolling of the property has helped reduce illegal dumping and unauthorized access.

**Restoration projects:** Metro is restoring white oak habitat by removing nearby trees that crowd the oaks. Neighbors may periodically hear chainsaws or smell burn piles related to this work. In addition, densely stocked Douglas-fir stands will be thinned to reduce the risk of wildfire, protect forest health and increase habitat diversity. And Metro has already begun work to control reed canary grass, an invasive species that is prevalent on part of the property.

**Public access:** Chehalem Ridge Natural Area is officially closed except for public tours. Because the property does not have parking, trail signage or other basic amenities, it is not yet suitable for public access. However, once natural resource management is further along, Chehalem Ridge is expected to go through a parks planning process to evaluate long-term recreation potential and funding options. The parks planning process always involves extensive outreach to neighbors.

**Public outreach:** Metro has worked hard to build community relationships. The Natural Areas Program hosted 90 neighbors last March at a get-together to introduce Metro and answer questions. About 60 government, business, education and conservation leaders visited the property in April. Metro is working with local schools to get them involved, and five public tours have been completely full. The next round of tours is slated for Saturday, April 2, 2011. To receive detailed sign-up information when it’s available, call 503-797-1545, email naturalareas@oregonmetro.gov to join the Chehalem Ridge email list, or stay tuned at [www.oregonmetro.gov/chehalemridge](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/chehalemridge).

*Kate Holleran, Metro Natural Resource Scientist*
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<td>Michael Lorence 27925 SW Burkhalter Rd, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Temporary health hardship request for an existing manufactured dwelling (change of occupant)</td>
<td>Application received. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000240</td>
<td>Alan and Ruth Hohler 14780 SW Holly Hill Rd, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Special use permit request for a personal use airport.</td>
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<td>1000262</td>
<td>Charles Felton 30640 SW Laurel Rd, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Property line adjustment in the AF-20 district (Laurel Church)</td>
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<td>1000273</td>
<td>Emanuel and Anisoara Leascu 29000 SW McNay Rd, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Request for approval of a temporary health hardship dwelling.</td>
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<td>1000277</td>
<td>Bernard and Ruth Pickar 8590 SW Hillsboro Highway, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Renewal of a temporary health hardship dwelling permit.</td>
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<td>1000285</td>
<td>Bruce Lahey 41831 SW LaSalle Rd, Gaston 97119</td>
<td>Preliminary plat review for a 3-parcel partition, “LaSalle Road Partition”, and two new dwellings, pursuant to Measure 49 claim #49CL0417.</td>
<td>Application received. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>Jorge Valdes 26815 SW Farmington Rd, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Development review and special use approval for a landscaping business.</td>
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<td>Ivan Weichbrodt 24355 SW Rosedale Rd, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Preliminary plat review for a 3-parcel partition, pursuant to Measure 49 Claim #49CL0469.</td>
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<td>1000298</td>
<td>Richard and Paula Vial 12840 &amp; 12900 SW River Rd, Hillsboro 97123</td>
<td>Review for a property line adjustment and a replacement dwelling with conversion of the existing dwelling to a non-habitable farm stand.</td>
<td>Application received. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000309</td>
<td>Kevin Stanton Near SW Mountain Home Rd.</td>
<td>Preliminary approval of a 3-lot partition with a dwelling on each lot pursuant to Measure 49 Claim #49CL0404.</td>
<td>Application received. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000316</td>
<td>Kurt and Karen Free 24445 SW Rosa Rd, Beaverton 97007</td>
<td>Renewal of a temporary health hardship permit.</td>
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<td>1000318</td>
<td>Charles Starr 8050 SW River Rd. Beaverton 97007</td>
<td>3-parcel partition with one new dwelling pursuant to 49CL0320 and property line adjustment.</td>
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<td>1000343</td>
<td>Harold Vandehay SW Rood Bridge Rd.</td>
<td>Request for a 3-parcel partition, “River Road Partition” and 2 new dwellings pursuant to Measure 49 claim #49CL0644.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period 11/19/10 to 12/3/10</td>
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<td>1000358</td>
<td>SR Design LLC 39033 SW Laurelwood Rd, Gaston 97119</td>
<td>Preliminary review approval for a 2-parcel partition, “Outpost Centers Partition,” and a hardship relief variance from the required minimum lot area of 5 acres.</td>
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<td>Douglas Stover 9085 SW Hillsboro Hwy Cornelius 97113</td>
<td>Renewal of a temporary health hardship permit for a health hardship dwelling.</td>
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<td>Westside Rock Hayden Quarry 6655 SW Hergert Rd Cornelius 97113</td>
<td>Five year review of conditions for Westside Rock-Hayden Quarry.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period 11/23/10 to 12/7/10.</td>
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Type II land use applications have a 14 day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless decision is appealed. All Type III land use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building.

Mailing Address: Washington Co. DLUT, 155 N. First Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124.
http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31 Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908

Holiday Safety Tips

With Thanksgiving Day, the holiday season has arrived. Washington County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention would like to encourage everyone to be safe as you celebrate with friends and family over the next few months. Many of us will be decorating our homes with lights and candles which can bring along some potential dangers. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) see http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/treefire.shtml, there are over 2,600 people who are injured by fires over the holiday season, with over $930 million in damages.

Safety Tips:

- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Follow the use and care instructions that accompany electrical decorations.
- Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.
- Do not mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.
- When hanging decorations, do not connect more than three light strings together.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never leave your toaster or stove unattended. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Select a fresh Christmas tree and keep it in water at all times. Needles on fresh trees should be green and should not fall off easily.
- Know the location of your fire extinguisher and how to use it.
- Choose holiday decorations made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or noncombustible materials.
- Before using any electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is approved for outdoor use.
- Never allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations.

Including family in preparing for holiday celebrations creates an invaluable opportunity to spend additional time with loved ones, ensure the safety of your home and property, and introduce safety-minded behaviors that can be reinforced year after year.
Public Affairs Forum Topics for December 2010

Special note: forum is meeting in a new location. You are welcome and encouraged to attend.
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

In winter conditions Washington County's Public Affairs Forum follows the open/close decisions of the Hillsboro school district. Please follow local media information or check http://hsd.k12.or.us/.

December 13, 2010
Speaker: Mike O'Brien Executive Director SHF.

December 20, 2010
Topic: Holiday program with the Concord Chorale.
Speaker: Don Anderson.

December 27, 2010, January 3, 2011: No meeting

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

Are Your Water Pipes Prepared For Cold Weather?

With the winter fast approaching, unpredictable weather can sneak up on you and wreak havoc on unprepared water pipes. Icy winds and dipping temperature can do a lot of damage to your home by freezing pipes and leaving you without flowing water. There are many precautions you can take now to help minimize later impacts:

Before Freezing Weather
- Disconnect and drain hoses from outside faucets. Wrap outside faucets and backflow devices with insulation or newspaper.
- Cover foundation vents with foam blocks or thickly folded newspaper.
- Insulate hot and cold pipes in unheated areas, such as the garage, crawl space or attic.
- Show household members how to shut off the water main to your house, as well as the circuit breaker or gas to the water heater, in case of emergencies.

During Freezing Weather
- Open cupboard doors under sinks, especially where plumbing is in outside walls, to let interior heat warm the pipes.
- Temporarily, keep a small, steady drip of cold water at an inside faucet farthest from the meter. This keeps water moving, making it less likely to freeze.

If Your Pipes Freeze
- NEVER thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame. You may start a fire and at the very least, your pipe will burst. Use hot air from a hair dryer, the exhaust from a vacuum cleaner, or a closely monitored heat lamp or electric heater.
- If your pipes break, shut off the water at the shut-off valve and turn off the circuit breaker or gas to the water heater. If you have trouble shutting off your water, call TVWD or your water provider.

Also, knowing how to turn off your water and having essential supplies on hand will make you and your family prepared for emergencies, whenever they might come. For more information and for helpful links on preparing for emergencies, visit the web site at www.tvwd.org.
Now Enrolling at a Location near You!

Parent University is a program offered by your Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Team to cover the basics about keeping children healthy, safe, and drug-resistant. A series of six workshops are available on a variety of topics designed to inform and equip parents to act as the "frontline" of defense against child victimization and harm from risky behavior.

A slight adjustment to last year's successful program will allow more flexibility for neighborhoods, parent-teacher clubs, faith communities, and other interested groups who wish to host Parent University at their own meeting location. Your Crime Prevention Team will be taking Parent University on the road and allowing groups to pick and choose which topics are more interesting or pertinent to their particular situations. The following topics are available upon request.

1. Drug Awareness & Prevention Strategies
   - Introduction to helping children stay safe and make healthy decisions
   - Common drugs of abuse
   - Drug identification & recognizing paraphernalia
   - What to do if you think your child is using
2. Child Safety Strategies
   - Childhood hazards and dangerous people
   - Strangers vs. strange behavior
   - Training children to make safe choices
3. Recognizing Child Molesters
   - Child sexual abuse defined and the extent of the problem
   - The "grooming" process
   - Strategies to protect children
4. Youth Violence
   - Bullying, harassment, and "mean girls"
   - Teen dating violence
   - Prevention and safety strategies—building resiliency
5. Teens & Driving
   - Leading causes of young driver crashes
   - Forming a parent/teen partnership for safe driving
   - Parents as role models and trainers—tips on teaching your child to drive
6. Internet Safety
   - Basic computer components and settings related to the Internet
   - Common risks for youth associated with cyberspace
   - Turning the internet into a positive family experience

Parent University is only designed for adults. The training topics are not appropriate for children, so groups who host may want to make alternate childcare arrangements to encourage attendance. Each session lasts two hours. We do ask that groups schedule their preferences at least one month in advance. We can also help with ideas to maximize attendance. Contact the Crime Prevention Office at 503-846-2579 to get in touch with the CP Specialist for your area.

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Neighborhood Watch Advisory Board Training
What types of activities might you get involved in through your Neighborhood Watch group?

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) educate people about disaster preparedness and train them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operation. Come and learn how Neighborhood Watch is related to CERT.

The training will be on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 6:30-8:00PM at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Center, Training Room B, 215 SW Adams Ave, Hillsboro.

For more information or to register for this class, please call 503-846-2774 or email Darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us.
We all want to help our Homeless Neighbors in such tough times. Here is an opportunity for you to donate resources or Volunteer during Washington County’s 5th Annual Project Homeless Connect on Friday, January 28, 10am to 6pm

Sonrise Church, 6701 NE Campus Drive, Hillsboro
Max Stop: Orenco Station (shuttle provided) and Bus Lines #47 and 48

A one-day, one-stop event for FREE resources:

- Medical, Dental, Vision
- Haircuts
- Housing Information
- Transportation Information
- Pet Care and Supplies
- Bicycle Supplies and Services
- And much more!

Please see their web site: www.phcwashco.org for more information and comments from other volunteers.
Contact Robyn Hoppes, email: info@phcwashco.org.
To volunteer go to www.handsonportland.org.
Together, we can make all the difference to struggling individuals and families.

Organizing partners: Pacific University, Sonrise Church, Good Neighbor Center, Hands On Greater Portland, Vision Action Network.