Citizen Participation Organization 15

Wednesday, November 17, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Forest Hills Golf Course
36260 SW Tongue Lane

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions: Peggy Harris, Chair

Sheriff’s Deputy Report (if available)

Program 1:

- Corrections, Budget crunch reaches prisons. Hard choices are facing states and counties. Budget cuts are changing many policies surrounding prisons. We all need to stay informed.
  - Sharon Shannon, Chairman, Washington County Reentry Council—Helping the Justice-Involved Successfully Reenter Society. A timely topic we all need to be informed about.
  - Our own CPO 15 member, Dennis Erickson, Administrative Manager, Washington County Community Corrections will share his viewpoint and show the new 15 minute Washington County Reentry Council video. Dennis will also bring several mentors who help interface with returning prisoners. Dennis’ mentor program has received national recognition for its effectiveness. Come with your questions.

Break for cookies and conversation

Program 2:

- Update from the Cornelius Fire Board
- New Cornelius Postmaster, Kerry Jeffrey, will introduce himself and listen to your comments.
- Update on Washington County Extension Service structure—Linda Gray
- Update on CCI (Committee for Citizen Involvement)—Paul Johnson
- Update on emergency preparedness for our CPO
- Miscellaneous local issues—time for CPO members to bring forth new topics.
- Election of officers

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From your Washington County Board of Commissioners:
In Honor of Veterans Day – November 11, 2010

Though Veterans Day comes only once a year, Washington County works everyday to provide services and assistance to the over 38,000 veterans in our community.

On October 6th, under the leadership of our volunteer Veterans Committee, we held a “Stand Down” event to assist veterans with employment and service needs. This event reached out to provide veterans an opportunity to meet with employers, connect with many community resources, receive health screenings, meet with veteran benefit counselors, register with the VA hospital for medical care, receive surplus military clothing and supplies, and more. About 300 veterans were connected with services and received lunch; two-thirds of them accessed job-related services through the Oregon Employment Division. If you know a veteran who may not be receiving all the services he or she needs, please have them call Disability, Aging and Veteran Services at (503) 846-3060.

Next month, Washington County and the City of Hillsboro will break ground on the new Veterans Drive, formerly known as Grant Street Extension, in the southerly portion of the Washington County Fairgrounds. Veterans Drive will run through an area that includes the future site of a new National Guard readiness center, as well as a new Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Fairgrounds. The groundbreaking event for Veterans Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010, and will be a chance to honor all veterans in our community.

Throughout the rest of the year, Washington County Veterans Service Program works to ensure that Washington County veterans and their families receive all entitlements provided by federal and state law. Our Veterans Service Coordinators help veterans file their U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) claims, help them with necessary follow-up, and assist them in the appeals process as necessary. This program has provided services to over 7,100 vets or their family members in the last 15 years.

On behalf of Washington County, we thank our veterans and their families for their service to our country.

Chairman Tom Brian
Commissioner Andy Duyck
Commissioner Roy Rogers
Commissioner Dick Schouten
Commissioner Desari Strader

Banks-Vernonia State Trail Connection Complete

The southern trailhead on the Banks-Vernonia State Trail opened for the first time in Banks in October. What began as Oregon's first state rails-to-trails project in 1990 will now offer a complete 21-mile connection between the two rural communities. Banks is in western Washington County, and Vernonia is in southern Columbia County.

A public ceremony was held on Friday, October 29th, in Banks at the trailhead site at the intersection of Main St, Banks Rd and Sellers Rd.

The $1.4 million project included the final 1.5 miles of trail, a trailhead and parking for 27 vehicles. Funding came from several sources -- Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant funding ($819,000); the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ($411,000); Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ($130,000 in Lottery Funds) and Washington County ($20,000). The project was managed cooperatively with Washington County as transportation staff moved a road to improve intersection safety.

"Completing a trail connection is a satisfying feeling," says Tim Wood, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director. "The people in Banks and Vernonia have supported this park patiently for these last 20 years, to serve their residents' recreation needs and for the economic boost that follows from well-run parks." Learn more about this State Trail and enjoy a hike, bike ride, or bring your horse! http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_.php
Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Shift in Preferences – More Amenities, More Value, Higher Quality Of Life

A shift in residential preferences among our population is well under way. This shift in preferences is leading to more redevelopment and infill in existing urban areas that offer a variety of community amenities within walking distance. But is this just a national trend – is it really happening here in our region?

To better understand this dynamic, City of Portland staff recently examined residential permit data for several mixed-use corridors and centers. For example, in the 5 year period from 2004 to 2009, a total of 423 new dwellings were developed within the Hollywood Town Center and the Belmont and Interstate Avenue corridors. This development occurred on 62 separate sites, with only seven of those sites being vacant prior to development. In terms of individual dwelling units, only 19 of the 423 units (or about five percent) were developed on vacant sites, which tended to be smaller and in lower intensity areas. In most cases, run-down single-family homes were replaced with new four- or six-plex developments or single-story commercial buildings, and surface parking lots were replaced by multi-story residential-retail development (also called mixed use). That development resulted in more single story housing units for various income levels, and increased the market to support more everyday shops and eateries. This type of community development helps enliven downtowns, main streets, and neighborhoods.

How is your local downtown or community corridor area? Is it an exciting place for you to be, to hangout, visit with friends, live, or work? I have heard from many of you that you wish to stay long-term in the suburban community in which you now live, ‘age in place’ as the economists and planners refer to it. To do that, we need more housing variety and mixed use development with amenities along transportation corridors and in community nodes that make sense for local use. That way, you will have more everyday resources close at hand - coffee shops, libraries, dental and medical offices, food stores and such. With more people comes more activity ‘on the street,’ and more amenities because there is more of a market. Will you prefer that, welcoming buildings for housing, amenities and offices where it makes most sense?

The Metro Council is working more collaboratively than ever with local governments, private sector businesses and non-profit groups to determine how we can use what we have more effectively, providing community value that makes sense today and for future generations. It can get complex sometimes, sorting out how to provide solutions but I believe that more nearby amenities and more value makes for a higher quality of life and a better community for each of us.

“Thanks to all of you who responded to Councilor Harrington’s personal appeal for public comment on the Community Investment Strategy recommendations. Over 600 people completed the questionnaire, with additional input received by letters and email. An executive summary and full report are available on www.oregonmetro.gov/investment. Public hearings are up next in late November with decision-making by the Metro Council in early December.”

Save the Date

Please come and bring your neighbors. Our CPO meets every other month. We are organizing interesting speakers of vital interest to our CPO 15 area and we need your support, ideas and attendance. Our meetings are the third Wednesdays of every other month. Circle these dates for your next CPO 15 meetings. We promise the meetings will be interesting and we always have cookies!

- Wednesday, January 19, 2011
- Wednesday, March 16, 2011
- Wednesday, May 18, 2011
Public Affairs Forum Topics for November 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

November 15, 2010
Topic: Analysis of the November 2nd Election
Speaker: Len Bergstein – President of N.W. Strategies and Political Analyst for KGW Television.

November 22, 2010
Topic: TBA.
Speaker: TBA.

November 29, 2010
Topic: Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community!
Speaker: Douglas Tsoi, J.D. Program Coordinator

December 6, 2010
Speaker: Stephen Bloom, Executive Director

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 minutes updates and additional information about the forum, visit www.washingtoncountyfourm.org

Mitten Season? At the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter, It’s Still Kitten Season!

Now that cool fall weather is finally here, it’s almost mitten season. But at the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro, it’s still kitten season. “If you think that it’s too late in the year to adopt a cuddly little kitten, you’re in for a happy surprise,” says Deborah Wood, manager of Animal Services for Washington County.

“Because our summer weather lasted well into fall, we’ve had an extremely long kitten season. We just keep getting kittens…and kittens…and kittens…and kittens. We have a lot of warm, furry lap warmers looking for great homes,” says Wood.

For those who prefer a gorgeous adult cat, the shelter is bursting at the seams with choices. “Long-haired, short-haired, active, mellow, male, female – take your pick,” says Wood.

Cat and Kitten Adoption Fees Still at Summer Discounts: The summer kitten season adoption prices are still in effect.
“Adult cats are only $10. Kittens are $80 for the first kitten, half-off if you adopt a second one,” says Wood.

All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, up-to-date on shots, and test negative for cat major diseases (FIV and FeLV). Washington County area veterinarians will provide a free introductory check-up for pets adopted from the shelter, as well. “The total value of these services is about $250,” says Wood.

Location/Adoption Hours: Adoption hours are 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and from noon to 5:30 PM on Wednesdays. The shelter is closed on Sundays. It is located at 1901 SE 24th Avenue in Hillsboro, just in front of Lowe’s on Tualatin Valley Highway. The phone number is 503-846-7041.

Kitten Food Donations Welcome: “All our animals are fed by donations from our generous community,” says Wood. “We aren’t in a crisis yet, but donations of kitten food would help to make sure the cupboards stay full.”

To see adoptable animals and learn more about the shelter: www.WashingtonCountyPets.com.
Oregon Tree Farm System Annual Meeting

The Oregon Tree Farm System would like to remind people that it’s time to recognize Oregon’s Tree Farmer of the Year during the Oregon Tree Farm System annual meeting on **November 22, 2010** at the World Forestry Center in Portland.

The event is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The morning begins with a Tree Farmer Workshop from 9:00-11:00 focusing on “Updates on Log Markets, Taxes & American Forest Foundation”

Log markets are very different than when the recession hit; Estate taxes, income taxes and property taxes are in flux; and the American Forest Foundation is in the process of changing its structure. This workshop will cover all of these subjects. From Noon until 2:00 p.m. is the Tree Farm Recognition Luncheon.

The morning workshop will be followed by a brief Oregon Tree Farm System business meeting and then a lunch honoring the County Tree Farmers of the Year by USDA Forest Service regional forester Mary Wagner (invited), and Oregon’s State Forester Marvin Brown (invited). The high point of the day will be the showing of a video featuring all of the county tree farmers of the year and the announcement of the Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year for 2010.

Sponsors for the event include Oregon Tree Farm System, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, OSU Forestry Extension, and the USDA Forest Service. The workshop is free and the lunch cost is $25 per person.

For more information, contact Anne Hanschu, at (503) 357-2551 or e-mail: netvetrdh@gmail.com

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Navigating Family Caregiving:
*Strategies for managing challenging issues*

Oregon has over 350,000 family caregivers; adult children, spouses, other relatives and close friends, who devote their time and energy to caring for those they love who could not otherwise look after themselves. November, National Family Caregivers Month, is devoted to honor the individuals providing these essential services to aging or ill family members

A day-long conference for caregivers is being offered on **Friday, November 19, 2010**, 9:00AM to 2:00PM. at Tuality Health Education Center, 334 SE 8th Ave, Hillsboro. This conference is free to unpaid family caregivers. (There is a charge of $50.00 for caregivers wishing to receive Continuing Education Units.) A free boxed lunch will be provided for all attendees.

Some of the highlights of the day include:

- Staying in touch when a loved one is losing touch
- Creating peaceful solutions to difficult situations with family members
- Communicating with professionals in the healthcare system
- Services, treatment and medication that can help with challenging behaviors
- Building your family care giving team; plus a panel of representatives from various agencies will discuss how to find help in the community.

Rev. Roy Green, DMin., Director of Spiritual Services at Hospice and Palliative Care of Washington County will offer a keynote address with a message of hope and encouragement.

A resource fair with representatives of community service agencies and organizations will be held in the lobby throughout the morning.

This event is sponsored by Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Service (DAVS), Family Caregiver Support Program, OSU Extension Service and Tuality Healthcare.

Reservations are requested so that materials and lunches can be prepared. To reserve your space or for more information, please call DAVS at 503-846-3089. Spaces are limited.
County Budget Committees Seeks Applicants

The following county budget committees are seeking applications for new members:

**County Budget Committee** (Three current vacancies – District 1, District 3, At-Large positions.) Reviews the proposed County budget submitted by the budget officer each fiscal year.

- **Membership:** Board of Commissioners plus five residents of the county. Each county commissioner is allocated an appointment, however the representative does not need to reside in the commissioner's district.
- **Time Commitment:** 10-15 hours every May; some other meetings possible.
- **Meeting Times:** Two meetings in May as the proposed budget is prepared; up to two additional meetings a year as needed.
- **Term Length:** Three years.

The application deadline is **January 5, 2011**, or open until all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling (503) 846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the Boards and Commission website. [http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/index.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/BoardsCommissions/index.cfm)

Boards, committees, and commissions advise the Board of Commissioners on matters of interest to people who live and work in Washington County. Committees themselves do not pass ordinances or establish policy; their purpose is to study issues and make recommendations. Commission members are volunteers appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Members must be residents of Washington County. Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for Washington County residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works.

For more information contact: Mary Gruss, Finance Office (503) 846-8811, mary_gruss@co.washington.or.us

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**Put Your Mail Box on a Diet**

Imagine opening your mailbox and not receiving junk mail or catalogs. No unwanted catalogs and mailings to clutter your home. Seems too good to be true? Catalog Choice is a free online service that helps you opt-out receiving unwanted mailings from businesses and organizations. Getting started is very easy.

Log-on: www.CatalogChoice.org
Create: Create an account to track the status of your notification requests.
Select: Company who has mailed you communication.
Opt-Out: Indicate your preference to opt-out from receiving mailings. This feature provides options to receive online catalogs or to be removed entirely from their mailing list.
Track: Occasionally log on to view your ‘Dashboard’. This tool displays the submitted requests, their status and results.
Relax: Sit back and let CatalogChoice.org help you trim your postal waste.

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**Elect to Recycle or Reuse Campaign Signs!**

When elections are over, what do you do with all those plastic signs? Will your candidate need the signs for a future campaign? Perhaps the signs can be repurposed to use at yard sales, parties or events. Or consider asking local organizations if they could use the durable, rigid signs.

If the signs are made of corrugated plastic you can also recycle them at a local recycling depot. The Far West Fibers recycling depots in Hillsboro and Beaverton will accept corrugated, plastic signs in their containers labeled "rigid plastics". Be sure to remove all wood or metal before bringing plastic signs to the recycling depot.

Far West Fibers is located at (503) 6440 SE Alexander Street, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123. For more information please go to [http://www.farwestfibers.com/index.html](http://www.farwestfibers.com/index.html) or call 643-9944.
Domestic Violence Resource Center
We empower all individuals and families to have safe and healthy relationships.

Since 1975 we have been the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Washington County serving specifically all survivors of domestic violence. We are the only agency serving children and teens who witness family violence with clinical counseling services in Oregon, and the only shelter in Oregon that serves all survivors regardless of gender. Our services address a broad range of issues victims and survivors encounter, offering tools to achieve their self-determination.

**Monika’s House Shelter** provides safe and confidential emergency accommodation, education, information and advocacy for victims of domestic violence fleeing imminent physical danger.

**Protective Order Advocacy Program** assists petitioners with filing restraining and stalking order applications. Advocates then accompany petitioners into the courtroom for support.

**Family Violence Intervention Program** counselors, advocates and interns provide individual, family and group counseling, support groups, referrals, advocacy, outreach, and education.

**Children’s Intervention Program** counsels and supports children between the ages of 4 and 17 exposed to domestic violence. The program also educates their non-offending parents.

Services are free, non-discriminatory, bilingual, and handicapped accessible.

For more information go to [www.drc-or.org](http://www.drc-or.org), 24-hour Crisis Line: 503-469-8620, Toll Free: 1-866-469-8600.

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**Can I Help Fix Your Roof?**
*Autumn Brings Home Improvement Scams Against the Elderly*

Marcia Langer of the Sheriff's Elder Safe Program is seeing a dramatic increase in reports of elderly people falling prey to home improvement scams. Many of these victims live in more mature communities like King City, Tigard and Forest Grove.

The scam usually begins with a contractor approaching the homeowner to say they "discovered" a roof problem, or perhaps they offer to make repairs. The contractors either pretend to make improvements and submit a fake invoice, or they actually cause the damage and then submit a bid for repairs.

If you need to make repairs this fall, check references and get several bids for the work. If you are uncomfortable for any reason, ask a trusted friend or relative for advice. You can also watch out for your neighbors. If they tell you about a needed repair, offer to climb the ladder and check it out for them.

For more information please go to [http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/OtherServices/elder-safe-program.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/OtherServices/elder-safe-program.cfm)

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**Washington County Fair Planning**

The Board of County Commissioners and the Fair Board are exercising a collaborative approach toward conducting a high-quality Fair event each year and maintaining and improving facilities and property at the fairgrounds over the years ahead. The Washington County Fair Board has begun a process of developing a multi-year plan to guide the way the Fair event is conducted each year. County and Fair officials are actively seeking input from the public about a draft Fair Plan. Please take a moment to provide us with your input to help guide the planning of the Washington County Fair event.

Participate in the Fair Plan On-line Survey and sign up to keep informed on the Fair planning process: [http://www.co.washington.or.us/Fair/public-input.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Fair/public-input.cfm)
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. You’ll get tips on:

- Keeping your woodland healthy
- Dealing with noxious weeds
- Protecting your property from fire
- Planting trees
- Finding professional assistance to help you achieve your goals

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