CPO 1 NEWSLETTER

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CPO 1 will not formally meet in August 2011. People are encouraged to take part in the national event happening on Tuesday August 2nd: National Neighborhood Night Out. This is an evening devoted to neighborliness, eating together and visiting with the people who live around you. For more information on the scope of this annual event, visit www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/about.html.

Please note that CPO 1 will have a booth at the annual Concert in the Cedar Mill Park on Thursday August 4th from 6-8:00 PM, hosted by the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. If you have some interest, curiosity or concern to share, be sure to stop by and visit. Or stay around and help be the face of CPO 1!

For more information, visit www.thprd.org/events/event.cfm?id=273.

The next CPO 1 meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2011

This newsletter is printed on 30% recycled paper with soy ink.
Every Day can be Plastics Round-up Day

Our homes and businesses benefit from increased material recycling. Co-mingling service at the curb increased the volume of material (paper, plastic containers, metal) for reuse. But some plastics are still not approved for curbside collection. Don’t let that stop you though - many plastics can still be recycled at other places and doing so makes a difference!

For the last few years, to be more sustainable in my household we collected every plastic container lid, milk jug top ring, berry container, plastic shopping bag, plastic film and more, making sure they are clean, and took them to the recycle depots available here in Washington County. Far West Fibers and Pride Recycling offer three such locations in my Washington County travels through Hillsboro, Beaverton and Sherwood. (You can find out more on the depot near you at www.oregonmetro.gov and search ‘Find a Recycler’.) This clean, non-contaminated, valuable material can then make its way to the private recycling market for its next life.

The private market plays a significant role in getting value out of used plastics. The collected material is most often broken down, ground up and flaked. It can then be combined with virgin plastics for reuse into a next generation of plastic products. There are different resins used for various plastic products, such as plastic lumber, toys, and flower pots. While some production work is done here in the United States, the major manufacturing areas and growth centers elsewhere in the global market, such as China, India and Brazil are the big markets. In addition to avoiding sending useful plastics to our landfills, recycling plastic has energy saving too, as producing new plastic from recycled material uses only two-thirds of the energy required to manufacture it from raw materials 1.

From toys and shampoo bottles to automobile interiors, and airplane interiors our recycled plastics can have a productive next life. I hope that your household and business will find it straightforward and worthwhile as I have to simply round-up what I plastics I am done with and send them on for productive reuse. After all, the more we recycle, the less garbage we put into our landfills.

- Kathryn Harrington

Sources:

Join Opt In, Metro’s online opinion panel. Making a great place takes the involvement of lots of different people with a variety of viewpoints. Metro needs to hear from you. There's now an easier way to tell regional leaders what’s important to you. Join Opt In, Metro's new online opinion panel. Complete two or three short online surveys each month about topics that affect you and your community. Nearly 5000 people have signed up, although as of July 14, 21% of participants are from WA County while WA County represents nearly 34% of the region’s population. Make sure your ideas about schools, housing, sustainability, parks, community centers, clean drinking water and others are heard. To sign up visit: www.oregonmetro.gov/connect.

Clean Water Service Events in Season

Stop by our Clean Water Services booth at upcoming community events. Get healthy watershed gardening and yard care tips as well as giveaways including Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain kits, native plant posters and River Ranger info for the kids.

Admission is free to all events:
Washington County Fair, July 28-31
Tualatin Crawfish Festival, August 13
Beaverton's Celebration Parade, August 27 (wave to us on the parade route!)

For more information, please go to http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/ or call (503) 681-3600.
July 5, 2011

As someone who is concerned about protecting the quality of life in our region, I want you to know about a proposal I offered to the Metro Council today that includes a few options for small expansions of the urban growth boundary. These options are located in targeted areas to support ongoing efforts to sustain and enhance the region's great communities.

In past years, state law required the Metro Council make larger expansions of the urban growth boundary in some areas that were not prepared for them. Today, because our region has chosen to invest in safe communities where people can walk to the services that they need, we can focus more attention on bringing jobs and people to our downtowns, main streets and employment areas, which in turn protects farmland and natural areas.

The modest expansions of the urban growth boundary I am proposing are not just lines on a map. The decision the Metro Council makes this fall will affect how our existing communities develop and thrive, and how we invest in good jobs and safe neighborhoods, protect farms and forest land, and make the most of the investments we have already made in our existing schools, parks, sidewalks, streets and other public structures.

My proposal today is just that: a proposal. And though the urban growth boundary expansions I’ve proposed are limited, the Metro Council will likely be even more selective when it makes a final decision this October. **That’s why your ideas and comments are important.**

Throughout the month of July, we want to hear from you: what areas should the Metro Council consider, what areas should the Council not consider, and why? Should the Metro Council consider any expansions of the urban growth boundary this year?

There are several ways you can provide your views and comments:

- Attend a public meeting or open house to learn more about the upcoming urban growth decision, ask questions and provide your ideas to Metro staff and councilors. **An open house and information forum will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, at the Hillsboro Civic Center Auditorium, located at 150 E. Main St.**
- Send your comments via email to 2040@oregonmetro.gov. Email messages will be shared with Metro Councilors and included in the public record.
- Send a letter to via U.S. Mail to Metro Council, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232.
- **Contact your Metro Councilor directly.**

Staff will provide to the Metro Council and its advisory committees this fall all of the comments we receive on my proposal over the summer. The Council is currently scheduled to vote on whether to expand the urban growth boundary before the end of October.

You can find a copy of my proposal, along with maps and more information on public comment opportunities, at [www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace). I hope you’ll take the time to review the materials and provide your feedback on this important decision.

Regards,

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**Town Hall Meeting and Legislative Review**

Representative Mitch Greenlick invites you to a discussion on the recently adjourned legislative session at 10 am on Saturday, **August 13** at the Leedy Grange, 835 NW Saltzman Road (near Cornell) or at 2 pm at the NW Multnomah County Library, NW 23rd and Thurman.
August 2011 View

2011 Long-Range Planning Land Use Ordinances: The extraordinary extent of long-range planning done recently by Washington County is indicated by Land Use Ordinances 739 – the North Bethany Plan - and 740 – The Rural and Urban Reserves.

**Ordinance No. 739** proposes to amend the Washington County Comprehensive Plan relating to the implementation of the North Bethany Sub-area Plan of the Bethany Community Plan.

**Ordinance No. 740** reflects proposed modifications to the county's Rural and Urban Reserves map. These amendments are in response to the Land Conservation and Development Commission's oral remand of the county's original Reserves ordinance (Ordinance No. 733) effective on July 15, 2010.


The **Oregon Center for Public Policy** (OCPP, www.ocpp.org) does in-depth research and analysis on budget, tax, and economic issues, with the goal to improve decision making and generate more opportunities for all Oregonians.

**Oregon Consensus** (OC) is a national leader in collaborative governance and is Oregon's official program for public policy collaboration. OC provides conflict assessment, consensus building, facilitation, mediation and other alternative dispute resolution services to public entities and their stakeholders throughout Oregon. OC is a program of the National Policy Consensus Center in Portland State University's Hatfield School of Government. OC is useful for anyone who has issues with local, regional, state and Tribal governments or other Oregon public bodies, or with Federal agencies working on Oregon issues, as well as anyone wishing to mediate an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). For information about OC, visit www.orconsensus.pdx.edu.

In the July 2011 edition of our local newspaper The Cedar Mill News, I wrote about the civil mediation programs which are now available free to every resident of Washington County through programs run by the cities of Hillsboro and Beaverton (www.cedarmill.org/news/711/Civil-Mediation.html). Those who live west of 185th can use Hillsboro’s program, and those who live east of 185th can use the Beaverton services. The most readily-thought of option to address conflict is to engage our legal system to confront the person whom we feel wronged us in an effort to make them stop or to seek redress. However, Police Officers/Sheriff Deputies expect to handle criminal issues and generally don’t expect to directly assist in resolving civil issues. Increased use of mediation is an excellent alternative that reduces calls for law enforcement services. When using the blunt force of the law, whether a citation results in just a fine or in a court case, there really are no true winners if the source of the conflict or bad feelings remains. With mediation, both sides can be winners and good relations established. And tax payers save money in reduced law enforcement, court and jail expenses.

-Bruce Bartlett

CPO1 Residents May Have Been Taxed in Error

Many of you have heard that Multnomah County is assessing a tax to its residents to help pay for the Sellwood Bridge renovations. The tax is collected when residents renew a vehicle registration. The problem is that many residents who have a Portland mailing address were automatically coded as Multnomah County residents, when in fact they live in Washington County.

While this is not a law enforcement issue, your Sheriff’s Crime Prevention Specialist, Doreen Rivera, thought it would be a good public service to confirm the best process for correcting the problem, and then share it with residents who may be affected later.

When you receive a vehicle registration renewal notice indicating that you live in Multnomah County, call the Division of Motor Vehicles at (503) 945-5400 and they will make the correction for you. You can also go to a DMV field office to resolve the issue.

If you have already paid the tax and want a refund, simply send a written request to: Oregon DMV Vehicle Renewals, 1905 Lana Avenue, Salem OR 97314. Explain that you are a resident of Washington County, so the tax does not apply to you. You should receive a refund by mail in about one week.
CPO 1 Project Proposals for the 2012 Minor Betterments Program

CPO 1 Connecting Neighborhoods (CN) subcommittee, chaired by James Trumper, has created a list of projects submitted by members of the public for Washington County’s Minor Betterment Program funding for 2012 implementation. Public notices were distributed to CPO 1 membership and several public meetings were held to review and evaluate these projects. A spreadsheet describing all aspects of the proposals and their analysis (CPO 1 Minor Betterment Prioritization Projects submitted (071411).xlsx) can be found at https://sites.google.com/site/cpo1connectingneighborhoods/home/minor-betterments/minor-betterment-project-files. This article summarizes that information.

Criteria against which projects were evaluated are summarized in the Criteria tab of the spreadsheet. We recognize that the criteria are not all-inclusive - for example, connectivity to churches and pre-schools - however we feel that this is an objective way to score projects in light of strong competition! We invite members of the Selection Committee to visit the proposed project locations, preferably during busy traffic hours, so that the need for pedestrian, bicycle and motorist safety can be witnessed in person.

The committee feels that projects such as those on the 2012 list, which affect neighborhood connectivity, safety and livability, are an effective and positive use of County funds. We support the Minor Betterments initiative as an excellent opportunity for citizens to bring projects such as these to the attention of the County.

Cedar Hills area - Pedestrian Paths/Sidewalks along: Butner Road between Murray Boulevard & Cedar Hills Boulevard (CHB), SW Huntingdon between SW Glenhaven and CHB, SW 124th/SW123rd between Walker Road and Center Street, and on Fairfield between CHB & Walker Road, North side of Walker between Roxbury and CHB, and add a signaled crosswalk at Barnes School.

West Haven/West TV area - Pedestrian paths along: Taylor Street between 90th and 99th, Leahy between 107th Ave. & Torrey View Terrace, and 107th between Cornell and Leahy, plus provide better maintenance of the west side of SW 90th Avenue between Stark & Taylor

Cedar Mill/Bonny Slope area

- Shoulder widening at: Cornell Road between Saltzman & 119th, South Side of Cornell Road between 107th and 110th, McDaniel Road to Thompson Road, Thompson Road to Bonny Slope Park, and 119th Avenue – East side between Lovejoy & Cornell.
- Sidewalk/Pedestrian Paths/Crossings at: 111th Avenue between Rainmont & McDaniel, Rainmont between 113th and 111th, McDaniel between 111th Court & Bonny Slope School, and 119th Avenue (which is being planned).
- Safe Bicycle and Pedestrian passage through the CHB/Hwy 26 interchange.

Miscellaneous Bicycle Improvements

- Barnes Road: Complete bike lanes from Leahy to County Line. Major commuting route, provide access to future park at Teufel property.
- Eliminate storm drain dips between 119th and Saltzman, particularly on N. side of street. Complete bike lanes on both sides of road in this section.
- Miller Road: Complete bike lanes from Barnes to County Line. Major commuting route, provide access to future park at Teufel property.
- Acquire easement for bike/pedestrian access to Cedar Mill Library from the east (123rd).

Neighborhood Review Meetings

Note: Some of the following meetings may have already occurred. They are listed here because we want you to be aware of potential development on sites within your CPO.

- THPRD is implementing Phase II of The Bluffs Park Master Plan, developing a new, paved trail to replace the current temporary wood chip trail. The Bluffs Park is a 3.83 acre property located off of South Drive and Haskell Court. This meeting provided a forum for the District and surrounding property owners/residents to review the refined trail alignment. The neighborhood meeting was held Thursday, July 21, 2011.
Metro Seeks New Letters of Interest for Capital Grants Program

If you're thinking of applying for a Nature in Neighborhoods grant, now is a great time to start shaping your project and get some inspiration from this year's grant recipients.

Efforts to protect and enhance nature throughout the Portland metropolitan region received a nearly $1.6 million boost from Metro in May when the Metro Council awarded 17 Nature in Neighborhoods grants. Six of the 17 approved projects will receive support from Metro’s Natural Areas Program, which is funded by a voter-approved 2006 bond measure. The program supports efforts to preserve or enhance natural features and habitats that will benefit communities now and for generations to come.

See all the new Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grants projects
http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=33148

You might also find the following video about the Greening the I-205 Corridor project particularly inspiring.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XRCzb_eZeg

Successful Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grant projects have fallen into four general categories:
- Land acquisitions that protect habitat or increase access to nature for people
- Stream restoration projects that improve fish habitat and wildlife connectivity
- Urban redevelopment projects that integrate low-impact development practices
- Neighborhood projects that enhance people’s experience of nature

While the flavors of projects vary greatly depending upon the category, there are certain qualities that make a project compelling to the grant review committee. These include:
- High level of community engagement
- Diverse and/or non-traditional partnerships
- Multiple benefits beyond the project itself
- Enhances access to nature for low-income and/or communities of color

Metro staff is open and willing to provide guidance in project planning, direct you to potential partners and resources, and give feedback along the way. If you would like to discuss your project idea, please contact Mary Rose Navarro at MaryRose.Navarro@oregonmetro.gov.

Project Review: Your project can begin with a phone call. After initial guidance, letters of interest are accepted throughout the year. Invited full applications are typically accepted during an established review period between November and January, with funding decisions between April and June of every year.

In order to establish the timeline for the next review cycle, it would be helpful to know how many viable projects are brewing. If you have a project ready for consideration, please consider submitting a letter of interest this summer.

Washington County Museum Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 30th, Noon – 6:00 p.m. Hands-on History. Mobile Museum at the Beaverton International Festival/Party in the Park. HMT Rec Complex, SW 158th and Walker Road, Beaverton, Free.

Tuesday, August 2nd and August 9th, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Hands-on History. Meet us at Hillsboro Tuesday Marketplace. Test your knowledge and try to solve our History Mystery. Downtown Hillsboro Civic Center Plaza. Free.

The Washington County Museum is located at 17677 NW Springville Rd, Portland, OR, 97229. For more information please go to http://www.washingtoncountymuseum.org/ or call 503-645-5353.
Because of space constraints, only Type II and III Development Applications of interest to a majority, are listed in the Newsletter – for Type I Applications or for latest updates, please visit the County’s website at http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31

All land use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Bldg.

Mailing Address: Wash. Co DLUT, 155 N. First Ave. #350 Hillsboro, OR 97124

503-846-8761 / fax: 503-846-2908

Beaverton International Celebration Added To Party in the Park Schedule

Party in the Park is expanding its borders in 2011. The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District’s largest community event of the year will feature a new starting time for most activities and, most significantly, the addition of a Beaverton International Celebration.

For the first time, the City of Beaverton and the Park District are collaborating to dedicate an entire section of the event to a range of culturally unique music, dance, art, crafts, food, traditional dress, social information, history and more.

Along with booths and informational tables, two stages will be set up on site with performances scheduled throughout the day.

Party in the Park will be held Saturday, July 30, at the HMT Recreation Complex, 158th and Walker Road, Beaverton. As always, admission to all activities will be free with a wide array of entertainment and recreation. Most activities will begin at noon instead of 10 a.m. and will end at 6 p.m.

For more information, please go to http://www.thprd.org/ or call 503-645-6433.

GO GREEN, SAVE A TREE! The CPO program coordinators are looking at ways to reduce printing and postage costs and to make the program more sustainable. To do that we need your help by signing up to receive the newsletter electronically. We call this the CPO NewsAlert.

It’s simple, just send an email to cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu with your name, street address, zipcode and email address to make the necessary changes. You will receive an email with a link to the CPO website with your current newsletter. Thank you for helping out!
We are Moving!

The Oregon State University Extension Service in Washington County is moving to the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building (PSB) effective September 30th, 2011.

Our new address will be:

155 N First Avenue
Suite #200
Hillsboro, OR 97124-3072.

The phone numbers and website will remain the same: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/.

General Information and Master Gardeners: 503-821-1150
4-H Youth Development 503-821-1119
Family & Home 503-821-1117
Forestry 503-821-1124
CPO (Citizen Participation Organization) 503-821-1128
Commercial Seed and Grain Crops 503-821-1127
Nutrition Education Program 503-821-1150

The office will be open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Master Gardeners will be in the office Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.