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Tuesday, December 6, 2011

7:00 p.m.

**St. Vincent Medical Center
Souther Auditorium**

AGENDA

- 7:00 Welcome**
CPO Announcements and Discussion (neighborhood meetings and development status)
Connecting Neighborhoods Subcommittee Report
Community Announcements
"It's Your CPO" Open Mic
- 7:30 Enhanced Sheriff Patrol District Report.** Commander John Koch of the Washington County Sheriff's Office will visit us this month to discuss the services provided by the Enhanced Sheriff Patrol District (ESPD). Cmdr. Koch will also give us a history of this special service district plus will provide some insights on the future direction of the ESPD.
- 8:15 Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center Report.** Jim Brooks from the City of Beaverton's Dispute Resolution Center (www.beavertonoregon.gov/index.aspx?nid=562) will share information about their remarkable mediation and facilitation services, and conflict resolution education they provide for residents of Beaverton and Washington County east of 185th Avenue. It is a free and confidential service of the Mayor's Office since 1988.

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Having Fun, Exploring and Planting at a Natural Area

Imagine this... It was an early, chilly, rainy Saturday morning in November. Did I really want to get out of bed this early to join in a natural areas restoration effort in the rain? It took a little mental coaxing to leave the dry warmth of home but I'm sure glad I did!

Two voter approved bond measures have thus far preserved 11,000 acres, ninety miles of river and stream banks, and supported hundreds of community projects in and around our region. Metro and community partners have a variety of done-in-a-day and ongoing restoration projects available at parks and natural areas across the region, suitable for groups of all sizes and ages. Together, we're protecting water quality, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations.

On that early November morning, I joined 15 other adults and children in an effort sponsored by the Tualatin Riverkeepers (www.TualatinRiverKeepers.org). Not far from my Beaverton area home, we worked on a Metro-owned property to help plant a natural area along the Tualatin River. As one of my fellow planting volunteers put it, "I thought I'd participate to just help out, but I've learned so much!" We planted 1000 camas bulbs, a native plant that has a lovely flower when it blooms in the spring. They were small bulbs about the size of your fingernail. Along with my 15 volunteer-mates, we planted those two small lunch-sized sacks of bulbs in no time. We also spread two types of native grasses, seeding two different areas of the property, one open and one wooded. Along the way, we heard from the property manager about the science of the area and how it has changed with restoration efforts over the last few years, providing a healthier flood plain for the Tualatin River, and plant life to sustain bugs, red-legged frogs, birds and more. We got to explore the property, the handsome oak tree, discovered mushrooms, wasp "oak apples" and deer too. All that in less than two hours, plus a little travel time. Fall, winter and wet spring months are the best times for these restoration planting efforts, hence the November project. But it was more than a feel-good, help-nature program.

When I turn on my faucet at home, I receive drinking water that had originally flowed from a reservoir to the treatment plant via the Tualatin River. When I flush my toilet, after that sewage is treated, the clean water flows into the Tualatin River. When it rains, storm water flows from our neighborhoods and sidewalks into creeks throughout Washington County which ultimately flow into the Tualatin River. No doubt about it, the Tualatin River can't get away from feeling the impact of us urban folk. Our livelihood depends on the health of the river; and the health of the river and the wildlife that rely upon it, depend on us. Restoration planting efforts in natural areas help restore floodplains that clean our water, and offer habitat to wildlife that depend on the river. Restoration efforts all over Washington County and are connected to the health of the Tualatin River. I know my efforts that morning helped.

No matter your motivation, why not join in the restoration efforts? It's fun, it's educational and it just plain makes you feel good. The butterflies, bugs, birds and frogs will be happy you did! Check it out at www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas and www.oregonmetro.gov/volunteer.

Kathryn Harrington, Metro Councilor, District 4

Metro Council completes urban growth decision. On October 21 the Metro Council voted 6-0 to add 1985 acres to the region's urban growth boundary for future housing and jobs. (Councilor Rex Burkholder was excused.) This represents less than a one-percent expansion of the region's urban footprint to accommodate thousands of additional households and workers over the next 20 years. To find out more visit: <http://news.oregonmetro.gov/5/post.cfm/metro-council-completes-urban-growth-decision>.

Learn more about what your property taxes pay for at Metro. Property taxes support essential services provided by schools, counties, cities, special districts and other local governments, including Metro, but property tax statements don't provide detailed information about what tax money to a particular government gets spent on. To better illustrate how revenues from property taxes are spent at Metro, the agency maintains a website to describe exactly how Metro assesses property taxes and what the money pays for. Learn more here: <http://news.oregonmetro.gov/5/post.cfm/learn-more-about-what-your-property-taxes-pay-for-at-metro>.

CPO 1 View From the Chair – December 2011

Commander John Koch of the Washington County Sheriff's Office will visit us this month to discuss the services provided by the Enhanced Sheriff Patrol District (ESPD), a special service district in the county which had a Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget of \$17.5 million. Even though voters have approved the ESPD every five years since its inception, many of the district's population is unaware of how it was started and what it provides. Cmdr. Koch will describe these plus will provide an update on the future direction of the ESPD. (Cmd. Koch will be taking over the Patrol Division upon Sheriff Rob Gordon's retirement at the end of 2011.) An overview of the ESPD is provided in the Cedar Mill News archives at: <http://cedarmill.org/news/archive/108/special-service-districts.html>

Over the years, the diverse communities of the Portland metro region have taken a collaborative approach to planning that has helped to make our region one of the most livable in the country. But times are changing and now climate weirdness, rising energy costs, economic globalization, aging infrastructure, and an expanding and aging population demand thoughtful deliberation and action. Whenever someone is able to provide a concise description of a complex situation, I feel a sense of relief because defining a problem correctly is critical to solving it. Such was my reaction in reading *Our Place in the World: Global challenges, Regional strategies and Homegrown solutions* http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/our_place_in_the_world.pdf, created by Metro. This superb paper frames the challenges and choices that are before us in the context of our history and our place using a very effective format of Aspirations, Realities and Strategies.

The Aloha-Reedville area is part of the county's huge urban unincorporated area (UUA) which lies between Hillsboro and Beaverton. Despite its strategic advantages, the area has begun to show signs of physical and economic decline and more information is needed to discover why existing plans have not realized the area's full potential. The **Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Planning Project** (www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville) aims to identify local needs and improvements, create plans to support an attractive and sustainable community with improved transportation connections, including active transportation. It also will develop housing strategies resulting in more affordable housing options. Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation, Housing, and Community Development is working collaboratively with Beaverton, Hillsboro, and other affected agencies (e.g. ODOT, Metro and TriMet) on this project.

East Multnomah County cities look at consolidation (The Gresham Outlook, Sep 27, 2011)
www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=131717268058053700

This article from the Portland Tribune group discussing the possibilities of a consolidation of the small cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village is very relevant to us residents of the urban unincorporated area (UUA) of Washington Co. The history of service provision here contains many consolidations of small providers into single, more efficient larger organizations (e.g. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and Clean Water Services). (Check out some of that history in the Cedar Mill News series *Urban Needs: Rural Government* at <http://cedarmill.org/news/UrbanNeeds/>.) Those three cities have a combined population of about 29,000 and might find they could get more value for their tax money by consolidating police, fire, building and parks departments, having unified taxes and fees, and being governed through one city council and mayor. Like those of us in the UUA, the subject needs a detailed study to provide a cost/benefit analysis of the various governance options. Onward, Urbanization Forum!

-Bruce

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!



CPO #1 LAND USE ITEMS UPDATED			
CASE FILE/TYPE	APPLICANT LOCATION	PROPOSED ACTION	STATUS
1100214 Type II R6	Andre and Claudia Idzari 1200 NW 95 th Ave Portland 97229	Development review for a single-family dwelling on a 13,406 square foot lot of record.	Application received. Status is pending.
1100247 Type II TO:RC	Safeway Inc 13505 NW Cornell Rd Portland 97229	Determination of a non-conforming use for a free-standing sign & alteration of the sign face.	Approved.
1100272 Type II TO:R9-12	Jerome & Vicky Maurseth 13075 NW Glenridge Dr Portland 97229	Request for extension of casefile 07-189-p/v/v/v/hrv, "maurseth partition"	Application received. Public comment period was 10/26/11 to 11/9/11.
1100296 Type II R6	Brian and Stephanie Nelson 250 feet north of NW Blackhawk Dr and 500 feet west of NW Talon Terr.	Extension of Case file 08-268-P (Preliminary review of a 1-parcel partition to convert tract F of "Blackhawk Gardens" to a developable lot and a hardship relief variance for a reduction in flagpole width requirement from 15 feet to 13 feet.)	Application received. Public comment 11/7/11 to 11/21/11.
1100299 Type II To:RC	Pacwest Energy 12805 NW Cornell Rd Portland 97229	Development review for the expansion of an existing gas station in a transit oriented district.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.
1100305 Type II R6	Noyes Development Co. 11370 NW Thompson Rd Portland 97229	Preliminary review approval for a 16-lot subdivision, "Iron Ridge Grove," and a property line adjustment.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.
1100307 Type II R6	Lee Buckley, P.E. 10775 NW Dumar Lane Portland 97229	Preliminary review approval for a 2-parcel partition, "Carter-Fast Partition".	Application received. Awaiting public notice.

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**

Help County Aging and Veterans Services Prepare for Baby Boomers

There is still time for the community to voice their opinions and have them included in Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services' next strategic plan. The new strategic plan will be for 3 years beginning in 2012 through 2014. DAVS is interested in the opinions of Washington County residents about retirement and what services and activities they need and want as they grow older. A survey is available through December 31, 2011. To access the survey, go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CVL58YN>

"Our society has never experienced a time when so many people are living to advanced ages. Right now, more than 25 percent of Washington County residents are over the age of 50. Planning for such a large group of individuals is challenging for agencies like DAVS charged with developing services to meet the needs of older people as well as veterans and those with disabilities. We need the community's help to make sure we are on the right track in planning for current and future needs," states Chris Larson who is serving as the contract facilitator.

The 3-year plan will address the needs and the gaps in services for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. Anyone interested in taking the survey is invited to complete it online or if you would like a paper copy of the survey, please contact Janet Long at (503-846-3081) or E-mail to: janet_long@co.washington.or.us.



Master Recycler Class Registration is Open! Don't Miss Out!

Interested in expanding your knowledge about waste reduction, recycling, alternatives to hazardous household products, deconstruction and green building, and composting? The Master Recycler Program is for you! Master Recyclers attend an eight-week course on the latest information and then promise to volunteer 30 hours to share this information with their neighbors, coworkers and community.

Cost: \$50, by online credit card or check.

Registration: Online, now through November 30, 2011. Class fills up. Space is limited to 30 participants. Registrants will be selected by lottery. Please only sign up if you plan to make all ten dates. There will be no way to make up classes.

Location: Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Washington County, 22785 NW Birch St, Hillsboro

When: 6:30 - 9:30 pm on eight Tuesday nights, January and February, 2012

Learn more: www.masterrecycler.org | 503-823-7530 | masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

Leaf Disposal Drive

Join us for the 19th Annual FREE Leaf Disposal drive!

December 3 At the parking lot of **The Home Depot, 13700 NW Science Park Drive**

- Please bring leaves in paper bags or in your own plastic bin. Plastic bags have to be removed and thrown away.
- Please limit bags to 50 lbs. or less.
- No litter, rocks, or sticks please.
- Drop-offs are for residents, not commercial operations.



The leaf disposal program helps to control localized flooding caused by leaf-clogged storm drains. It helps keep nutrients from decaying yard debris out of local creeks, wetlands and the Tualatin River. The program is funded by Clean Water Services' \$5.25 per month Surface Water Management (<http://bit.ly/qfSCQF>) fee. Last year, Clean Water Services composted about 10,000 cubic yards of leaves which includes leaves from our regular street sweeping program, curbside leaf collection and the annual leaf disposal program. That translates into about 1,000 dump truck loads per year (an average dump truck holds about 10-12 cubic yards). Leaves are taken to West Union Gardens (<http://bit.ly/pN7bGr>) and made into mulch.

Join OSU Master Gardeners at the Following Programs:



Tuesday, December 6, 2011. "Seed Quality" by Chip Bubl, Columbia County Extension Agent will cover genetic, physical & environmental factors affecting seed quality and best practices for assuring good seed quality for home garden use.

Tuesday, January 3, 2012. "Vegetables in Bloom" by Alice Doyle of Log House Plants will present the latest on growing grafted veggies, including the Mighty Mato and hardworking vegetables that don't quit even when the weather won't cooperate.

Meeting location & day: First Baptist Church 5755 SW Erickson Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005, located between Farmington Rd. & Allen Blvd. The first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:45 pm.

For more information go to the chapter Website: <http://www.washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/>

Permanent Drug Drop Box at Your Sheriff's Office

Last month, your Sheriff's Crime Prevention teamed with narcotics investigators and the DEA to bring a Prescription Drug Turn-In Event to Aloha. You responded and we collected 302 pounds of unneeded pills in just one morning - nice work!

Cleaning out unneeded medications, especially prescription painkillers, is one of the easiest ways to help prevent prescription drug abuse among teens who do not realize how addictive opiates and many other drugs can be.

And now we have a year-round solution! Thanks to funding from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, your Sheriff's Office has installed a permanent Drug Take Back Drop Box in our lobby in Hillsboro!



Citizens can turn in prescription medications and samples, all over-the-counter medications, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments, and liquid medication in leak-proof containers. This part of our lobby is open from 8:00 am to 9:30 pm daily. HIDTA also provided drug drop boxes at the Beaverton and Sherwood Police Departments, so you can visit the site that is most convenient. Thanks for helping to keep our community safe!

Sheriff's Office News, (Vol_7 Issue_11-November, 2011)



“Lap Warmer” Special at Bonnie Hays Animal Shelter

Brrrr...the weather is getting chilly! It's time to sit next to the fire and sip hot chocolate. Or better yet, adopt a lap warmer. Cats and kittens are on special through November 18 at the Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter in Hillsboro.

“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.

“The last two years we've had an extremely long kitten seasons. 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 for a second kitten. 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. To see adoptable animals and learn more: www.WashingtonCountyPets.com.

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.”



Parents Urged to Get Newborn Hearing Screenings

Washington County Department of Health and Human Services- Public Health Division, in partnership with the Oregon Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program, is offering no-cost infant hearing screening for infants who did not receive a newborn hearing screen. Permanent hearing loss is the most common birth defect, and it is difficult to identify without screening. In Oregon, only large hospitals are required to screen for hearing loss; infants born in smaller hospitals or non-hospital settings may not be regularly screened.

“This is prevention at its best,” said Dr. Jennifer Vines, Deputy Health Officer for Washington County, “because it is simple, non-invasive, and helps to ensure children are identified early as needing extra support.” Before newborn hearing screening programs, children with hearing loss often were identified too late and would graduate from high school with low reading and language levels. Hearing is essential to child development – for language acquisition, speech, social-emotional development and learning. With early detection, children with hearing loss can reach the same milestones as their hearing peers.

Screening takes less than ten minutes to complete. It is the first step to see if a baby may need additional hearing testing. If your infant did not receive a newborn hearing screen, contact Nena Newsom, Washington County Public Health, at 503-846-4872, to schedule an appointment.

Coat Drive Helps Local People in Need Keep Warm in Winter

The need has never been greater and it's never been easier to make a difference in your community. Here is your opportunity to make sure that nobody goes without such a basic necessity as a coat this winter. Washington County is collecting new or clean and gently used coats and jackets as part of the One Warm Coat community service project. Coats of all shapes sizes are welcome. One Warm Coat is dedicated to distributing reusable coats, free of charge, directly to local children and adults. The program is an easy way for you and your family to pass along coats and jackets that you no longer need.



Washington County has made donating a coat simple. Just bring your coats and jackets to one of the following locations:

- Public Service Building Lobby or Cafeteria, 155 N. First Avenue, Hillsboro
- Sheriff's Office Hillsboro Headquarters, 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro
- Sheriff's East Precinct, 3700 SW Murray Boulevard, Beaverton
- Land Use and Transportation, 1400 SW Walnut Street, Hillsboro, OR

Coats will be collected until **November 30, 2011**, then Washington County will take care of the rest. All donated coats will be given to Family Resource Centers in Washington County. One Warm Coat is national non-profit organization that supports and encourages coat drives. It helps individuals, groups, companies and organizations across the country collect coats and deliver them to local agencies that distribute the coats free to people in need. More than one million coats have been provided to those in need at no cost since its inception in 1992.

(Washington County Sherriff's Office news release)



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.



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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.

- ◆ Proposal for a ten (10) lot Planned Unit residential subdivision, and flood plain adjustment on this parcel on property located at 13630 SW Butner Rd. Neighborhood meeting was held Monday, November 28, 2011, TVF&R, 8585 NW Johnson St, Portland.
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