

# Citizen Participation Organization NEWSLETTER

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## TOP STORY

### Remember to Drop Your Ballot Off

***Ballots Must Be Received at Official Collection Sites by 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 31***

Washington County elections officials encouraged voters to mail their completed ballots in signed envelopes as soon as possible for the January 31 election so that all ballots are processed in a timely manner. Voters throughout Washington County should have received their ballots over the Martin Luther King Day weekend.

Appropriately signed and completed ballots should be mailed so that they are received before the election's 8 p.m. deadline on Tuesday, January 31. It is likely that by the time you are reading this article it is too late to get your ballot delivered by mail. Official ballot drop sites are available throughout the county up until this deadline.

Voters may drop off their completed ballots at several 24-hour drop off sites, including:

- Washington County Elections Office, 3700 S.W. Murray Boulevard, Beaverton, OR (Look for the slot in the front lobby.)
- Washington County Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building, 155 N. 1st Avenue, Hillsboro, OR (Look for the drop box near the rear entrance of building.)

Official drop boxes at indoor locations (limited hours of operation are available by phone) include:

- Beaverton Library, 12375 S.W. 5th Street, Beaverton, OR, (phone: 503-644-2197)
- Cedar Mill Library, 12505 N.W. Cornell Road, Portland, OR, (phone: 503-644-0043)
- West Slope Library, 3678 S.W. 78th Avenue, Portland, OR, (phone: 503-292-6416)

For more information contact: Elections Division (503) 846-5800

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## CPO 1 Map

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/sites/default/files/CPO1.pdf>

## CPO 1 On the Web

View past newsletters, meeting agendas and CPO information at:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo-1>

## Community Plan

Review copies of the Cedar Mill-Cedar Hills Community Plan at:

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/Publications/ch-cm-cp.cfm>

### Your Newsletter has a New Look!

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Or give me a call at 503-821-11280.

## CPO 1 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 7:00 PM**

Leedy Grange Hall  
835 NW Saltzman Rd, Portland  
*in the Dining Hall Area*

### AGENDA

- 7:00**      **Welcome**  
**Washington County Sheriff's Report**  
**CPO Announcements and Discussion** (neighborhood meetings and development status)  
**"It's Your CPO" Open Mic**
- 7:30**      **TriMet Line 50 & 59 Report.** TriMet is facing a \$12 to \$17 million budget shortfall due to decreased employment taxes. Tough budget choices are ahead that may impact the Line 50-Cedar Mill and Line 59-Walker/Park Way routes which serve CPO 1 residents. TriMet representative Clay Thompson will discuss the choices we might face.
- 7:50**      **Timberland Neighborhood Update.** Mike Miller of MGH Associates will share updated development plans for vacant residential and commercial parcels in the Timberland (formerly Teufel's Nursery) neighborhood located at the northwest corner of NW 118th and Barnes Road.
- 8:15**      **Urban Road Maintenance District's Report (URMD)** Victoria Saager, Washington County Land Use and Transportation Dept, will report on several URMD active transportation projects and share the results of the URMD Minor Betterment Program (MBP) selections for implementation in 2012-2013. MBP projects are site-specific enhancements to the county's transportation system. Join us to find out about two projects planned for CPO 1, and learn more about the URMD safety improvements initiative including a conversation about prioritizing future projects. For information on the MBP, see: [www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/minor-betterments.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/minor-betterments.cfm).

Oregon State University Extension Service supports CPOs through an intergovernmental agreement with Washington County, the sole funder of the CPO program. Extension CPO coordinators provide information on land use and livability issues, resource referrals, and work with CPO members to increase understanding of public policy and decision-making processes. This newsletter material was developed by representatives of your local CPO and is forwarded to you as part of the Extension Service's support to citizen involvement in local government. Washington County administration, departments, and/or officials claim no responsibility, expressed or implied, for the content of this document.

## View from the Chair

Steven Sparks is to be commended for explaining zoning minutia to a large crowd at our meeting in January. The City of Beaverton is required to convert the annexed property to City zoning in a manner that closely approximates the planning done by Washington County (WC). As Sparks explained it, two different forces were at play. First, there are the underlying WC commercial zones to consider. Then, WC's Transit-Oriented District zoning overlay had to be considered as it prescribes the highest residential densities in the county - along the lines of The Pearl. In addition, the planning metrics of Floor-Area Ratio, or FAR, and the Transportation Planning Rule also have significant impacts for the conversion to Beaverton's Station Community-Sunset (SC-S) zone. When the data was fed into all the different equations and the results were calculated, the theoretical maximums of commercial/retail floor areas were very large. (Additional details are given on Beaverton's web site: [www.beavertonoregon.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=2291](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=2291).)

Sparks pointed out that the understanding of land use planners about urban development has evolved a lot in the 14 years since these zones were established, and said that the important thing to pay attention to are the actual development proposals submitted in the future. Increased traffic load will be analyzed through a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) which is an evaluation of development impacts on the transportation system.

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Plans for the Timberland neighborhood further down Barnes Road are evolving too. There have been several proposals for commercial developments there which failed to materialize. Come to our February 7th meeting to learn more about the current development plans.

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I attended the WC Public Affairs Forum on January 23 to hear Pat Garrett introduce himself as our new County Sheriff. In his career, he has had a remarkable range of duties and experiences that gives him a wide view of public safety. His bilingual Spanish ability is an asset for our community with such a diverse population in it. CPO 1 tends to see the sheriff's services through the lens of the increased deputy patrols provided by the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD). The ESPD was created to meet our needs for urbanized public safety services. As Cmdr. John Koch, who now heads the Patrol Division, described at our December 2011 meeting, the ESPD funds the infrastructure to both hire and support the additional deputies.

Additionally, the ESPD pays for the burden that population of the unincorporated urban area (UUA) imposes on other Sheriff Office's services. From issuing alarm permits, serving arrest warrants and concealed handgun permits, striving to prevent crime and substance abuse, running the Elder Safe program, performing fingerprinting and booking, reducing gangs/graffiti activity, issuing police reports, investigating property crimes, serving documents all the way to tracking registered sex offenders, the Sheriff's Office has its work cut out by - and for - the people living in the county.

Urban crime is more expensive to address than rural crime and we live in a county with a small rural population of approximately 26,000, a city population of around 300,000 and an urban unincorporated population of around 225,000 served by the ESPD. As with most other public services which are provided by special service districts within the UUA, our needs require, and fortunately in this case the ESPD funds, the Sheriff Office's efforts to evolve outside its traditional county sheriff's role to become the urban police force it is today. Since the ESPD is up for renewal this fall, now is a good time to consider if there are additional services required of an urban police force and, if so, how to deliver those in the most cost-effective manner.

*Bruce*

### Shorter Internet Links

Our newsletters contain several informative internet links, and some of them are quite long. We provide shortened links in these cases, so that our print readers can easily type them into their internet browsers. These abbreviated links will take you to the same destinations, and you won't have to type as much.



LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Case File/ Type	Applicant/Location	Proposed Action	Status
1100214 Type II R6	Andre and Claudia Idzair 1200 NW 95th Ave Portland 97229	Development review for a single family dwelling on a 13,406 square foot lot of record.	Application received. Status is pending.
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. Status is pending.
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. Status is pending.
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. Status is pending.
1100321 Type II R6	Manor Construction Inc. 11370 NW Anderson St Portland 97229	Preliminary review for a 3 parcel partition, "Anderson Street Partition," and 2 property line adjustments.	Application received. Public comment period was held 12/30/11 to 1/13/12.
1100323 Type II R5	David and Laura Wellman Near NW 97th Ave and NW Murlea Dr.	Development review for a single family dwelling in the R-5 District (Shadow Plat).	Application received. Public comment period was held 12/30/11 to 1/13/12.
1100328 Type II R6	Bill Kimmer 11520 NW Damascus St Portland 97229	Extension request for a two-parcel partition "Damascus Street Partition".	Application received. Status is pending.
1100332 Type II R9	Won K Kim 11410 NW McDaniel Rd Portland 97229	Extension request for casefile 07-382, "Ironwood Crossing".	Application received. Public comment period was held 12/30/11 to 1/13/12.
1100352 Type II GC, R5	Lithia Real Estate Inc 9275, 9345, & 9375 SW Canyon Rd Portland 97225	Development review for an approximate 15,700 square foot, three level parking structure.	Application received. Public comment period 1/17/12 to 1/31/12.
1200012 Type III	Tualatin Valley Water District 12520 NW Thompson Rd Portland 97229	Special use and development review for a public utility, "Thompson Reservoir," (new water pump station and existing water reservoir).	Application received. Awaiting public hearing 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

**Go Green, Save a Tree!**

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Send an email to [cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu](mailto: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!



## THPRD Board Accepting Applications For Parks Bond Citizen Oversight Committee

Applications are being accepted through Feb. 17 for six positions on the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's Parks Bond Citizen Oversight Committee.

The committee's purpose is to ensure that the Park District meets the objectives of its voter-approved \$100 million bond measure and uses the funds as planned. Members serve two-year terms and may be reappointed for two additional terms.

The committee has a capacity of 12 positions and meets four times per year. Meetings are usually held at 6 p.m. on Thursdays and last about two hours. Members focus on delivery of the overall bond measure obligations, not specific projects or activities.

Those with interest in a committee position may obtain an application at THPRD's Administration Office (15707 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, OR 97006) or online at [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org). They can also request an application by calling 503/645-6433. Applicants must live within THPRD boundaries.

The THPRD Board of Directors will review applications and consider making initial appointments at their March 5 meeting.

Due to the complexities of bond implementation and the significant dollar amount associated with the measure, THPRD welcomes applications from professionals in real estate, finance, auditing, public budgeting, banking, general business, and law. However, any district resident is eligible to apply.

The committee, which was formed in 2009, reports on overall progress in meeting objectives and has the opportunity to recommend improvements in efficiency, administration or performance. The committee recently completed its second annual report. The committee's first and second annual reports can be found at [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org).

Parks Bond Measure 34-156 was approved in November 2008 by voters within the Tualatin Hills district. The measure provides funds for land acquisition and dozens of improvement projects focused on parks, trails, natural area preservation, athletic fields, expansions of the Elsie Stuhr Center and the Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, and replacement and rehabilitation of aging facilities.

## As the Weather Adds a Twist to Our Lives:

- Allow yourself time to get to your destination and be alert for hazards. Don't drive through flooded roadways - travel AROUND them. Watch for mudslides.
- Avoid using cruise control. Cruise control is for when road and weather conditions are good. If your car hydroplanes, take your foot off the accelerator and continue to steer in the direction of intended travel.
- Ensure you have good tread on your tires.
- Keep the vehicle's gas tank at least half full.
- Clean out ditches and street drains. Running water can affect the integrity of the roadway.
- If you are recreating near the river (fishing, kayaking), WEAR a lifejacket. Never float or kayak a flooded river.
- If you choose to have a fire in your fireplace, haul the ashes out in a non-combustible container. Place the container on a non combustible surface, AWAY from any flammables.
- Be prepared! Are you ready to live without electricity and modern conveniences for a minimum of three days?

Flooding resources: The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) has a focus of disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The EDEN website serves as a link to resources developed by the Land Grant Universities.

The Resources Collected page of the EDEN Floods and Flooding Topic page has several resource links to prepare for floods. Go to <http://eden.lsu.edu/Topics/Hazards/Floods/Pages/ResourcesCollected.aspx>. The Agriculture Issues after a Flood page provides links to information relevant to crops, buildings and livestock, among others. Go to <http://eden.lsu.edu/Topics/Hazards/Floods/Pages/AgricultureIssuesAfterFlood.aspx>

## County Board of Commissioners' Meetings

### *How to find out what is on the agenda*

Do you want to know what is coming up on the County Board of Commissioners meeting or Work Session agendas? You can subscribe on-line to be notified when the new agenda has been posted. Go to <http://www.co.washington.or.us/> Click on e-subscriptions on the bottom left hand column and subscribe to Board Agenda. If you don't know which Commissioner represents your area you can find out by using the Commissioner Lookup link on the Board's website: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/BOC/>

## New RFID Project to Improve Customer Service at WCCLS Libraries

### *Entire 1.6 million item collection to be tagged*

During the first week of 2012 the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) will begin converting the Cooperative's 1.6 million item collection to a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging system. According to WCCLS Director, Eva Calcagno, "the ultimate goals of the RFID project are to improve customer service, productivity, and security by deploying RFID tags and equipment to all WCCLS member libraries over the next six to eight months".

The RFID project will enable WCCLS to upgrade old security gates or install new gates where needed at every library, upgrade staff workstations to be RFID enabled, upgrade or replace current self-service checkout machines, and purchase and place RFID tags on 1.6 million library items. The project is funded from accumulated savings and dedicated technology reserves.

Many may wonder what the difference is between an RFID tagged item and the barcode system that is presently in use at WCCLS member libraries. The RFID tag is basically a memory chip with a receiver and a transmitter. The process uses radio waves to remotely read inventory control tags. The tags include an on/off security bit for check-in/out, which replaces the metallic electro-magnetic security strips presently in use. The tags inventory numbers are read with a radio antenna rather than a laser scanner allowing multiple items to be read at one time.

Calcagno explained, "Everyday WCCLS member libraries handle about 50,000 checkouts and returns (not counting renewals). Each of those items is handled by staff four to ten times depending upon the type of transaction and whether or not it is to be shipped to another library location. RFID allows staff to handle multiple items at one time instead of individually scanning each barcode, it eliminates the need to turn on or off the electro-magnetic security tags currently used by the larger libraries, and will eliminate the need to open and inspect many CD and DVD cases to determine whether the correct disks are in the correct cases. By eliminating just two steps in the process, the WCCLS libraries will save over 36 million repetitive motions a year." Similarly, patrons will be able to quickly checkout multiple items at one time simply by placing them on the self-service scanners.

RFID tagging offers a tremendous savings for member libraries by increasing staff efficiency, as well as helping to get borrowed items back and into the hands of waiting

patrons much faster. It will also enable staff to conduct regular inventories of collections, something that is cost-prohibitive with the current barcode tagging system.

The RFID tags will contain no personal information. The RFID tags will be encoded with the barcode ID number and only staff with the library system's database access may search by barcode numbers in the WCCLS collection. Libraries will continue to place barcodes on all materials so there is an eye-readable way to identify each item. WCCLS patron cards will continue to use only visible barcodes; they will not be replaced with RFID library cards.

The first week of January 2012 a team of ten temporary workers will begin the RFID tagging of approximately 95,000 items at the Hillsboro Library Shute Park branch. Once this initial phase is complete the team will move on to the Hillsboro Main Library, and then over the course of the next six to seven months all 15 of the WCCLS member libraries will be converted to the RFID system. Installation of security gates and other equipment upgrades will happen gradually as each library conversion is completed.

For more information contact: Jodi Nielsen, Senior Program Educator, 503-846-3235, nielsen@wccls.org or go to <http://www.co.washington.or.us/News/new-rfid-project-to-improve-customer-service-at-wccls-libraries.cfm>

## Garbage and Recycling Collection Service Interruptions



In the event of severe winter weather, garbage and recycling collection schedules may be impacted. If schools are closed, solid waste (garbage) and recycling (including yard debris) collection may be cancelled. Collection will be made up the following day.

If adverse weather conditions persist (schools continue to be closed) for more than one day, customers who miss collection service will receive service during the next regularly scheduled period for the missed service. This means recycling/yard debris services will be collected on the next regularly scheduled period. Reminder: Recycling/Yard debris is collected every-other-week. So it may be two weeks until Recycling/Yard Debris is collected.

Contact your hauler with questions about collection schedules during inclement weather. If your property resides inside a city boundary, contact your city office or hauler for instructions. For more information go to <http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/SWR/News/garbage-and-recycling-collection-service-interruptions.cfm>

## Your Input Needed to Identify Bike and Pedestrian Projects

As presented at the January 2012 CPO 1 meeting, Washington County Dept of Land Use and Transportation is conducting a Bike and Pedestrian project prioritization study, targeted for completion in October 2012. The website for the project is: [www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped](http://www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped). The site includes an interactive inventory map which allows the public to identify potential projects and provide comments. At this point, they are looking for inputs as to whether or not the map is correct, and to identify areas of particular concern. The deadline for comments on this phase of the project is February 1, 2011.

Once public input validating the accuracy of the map has been completed, the county will begin prioritizing the potential projects. The CPO 1 Connecting Neighborhoods Subcommittee will gather input from the CPO members as a part of this process. Stay tuned!

*CPO1 Connecting Neighborhoods Subcommittee*

## Disabled Parking Updates

None of us really means to deny those in need a disabled parking space, but too many times drivers pressed for time decide to just park there for a moment. Now the legislature is giving even more incentive to do the right thing -- leave those tempting spaces empty!



### Blocking a Disabled Parking Space—Fine Increase

Blocking a disabled parking space by standing, sitting or illegally parking in the space is now a class D violation, so the fine increased from \$50 to \$110.

### Using Invalid or Expired Disabled Parking Permit—No Wiggle Room

Use of an invalid parking permit carries a presumptive fine of \$435. This applies to people using expired permits or those otherwise not valid. You must have the current and valid permit displayed to use the space.

### Disabled Parking Placards—Fees for Misuse Increased, Ouch!

The first time you misuse a disabled parking placard, the presumptive fine is \$160. However if you do it a second time, the fine goes up to \$435. If you misuse the placard in a special enforcement zone, an additional \$870 is stacked on the original fine. For instance, if you have a placard for a business van to shuttle disabled persons and you decide to use the van to pick up your kids from school, parking in a disabled space at the school would

cause the fines to stack up to \$1,305.

May we suggest a New Year's Resolution to avoid parking in Disabled Parking spaces unless you are legally allowed to use them and carrying the right placards . . .

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## New Fanno Creek Trail Segment Now Open to the Public

A "missing link" in the popular Fanno Creek Regional Trail has been completed and is now open to bicyclists, joggers and walkers.

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District finished the half-mile segment this week. It extends from the intersection of Scholls Ferry Road and Allen Blvd to the end of 105th Court (near the intersection of Denney Road and Highway 217).

Funded by system development charges, the \$1.6 million project means users will be able to travel 4 ½ miles of largely continuous, paved trail between THPRD's Garden Home Recreation Center and Tigard's Englewood Park near Scholls Ferry Road.

"The Fanno Creek Trail is already very popular, and we expect it to be even more popular now that this new segment is finished," said Hal Bergsma, THPRD's director of Planning. "Until now, when trail users came to the missing link, they had to figure out on their own how to reconnect with the trail. Now, their path is mostly uninterrupted."

THPRD project manager Brad Hauschild said electronic sensors show that 70,000-80,000 people currently use the trail's north segment each year, while 120,000 users pass through the trail's south end tunnel at Scholls Ferry Road. He expects those numbers to increase now that the new segment is open.

The 10-foot-wide-trail addition features 11 boardwalks over wetland areas, offering users potential sightings of birds and other wildlife, including deer. In addition, thousands of native plants and shrubs will be planted along the restored stream corridor.

One small section of the new trail, near the City of Beaverton operations facility and Scholls Ferry Road, is temporarily unpaved. However, the compacted gravel segment is open to the public and usable. It was left unpaved until Washington County can complete plans for a future bridge replacement/road widening project. THPRD, the City of Beaverton and Washington County will work together to coordinate completion of the trail section with the bridge replacement/road widening, scheduled for this summer.

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## Washington County Museum

The Washington County Museum works to make history come alive through programs such as the Crossroads Lecture Series, youth activities like Family Days and Scout Days, and community and school programs such as the Touching History Mobile Museum.

The Museum is a partner with Print Arts Northwest. Every two months a new exhibit is unveiled on the third Thursday. In addition to talented local artists, exhibits often display international works across the entire spectrum of printmaking techniques including etching, block printing, linocuts and lithography.

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.

## Neighborhood Meetings

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

- Proposal to make changes to the existing approved Touchmark Heights preliminary development plans whereby the single-family component is replaced with garden homes and retirement housing. This project would further define and locate the accessory use buildings which were approved in the original application. ***The neighborhood meeting will be held Thursday, February 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center, Room D, 11640 SW Park Way, Portland, 97225***