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To review copies of the Cedar Mill-Cedar Hills Community Plan, go to www.co.washington.or.us/deptnts/lt/planning/publicat.htm

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**Citizen Participation Organization 1**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Beaverton City Hall**  
Forrest C. Soth Council Chamber  
4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton

This month CPO 1 will join the Candidate Forum sponsored by the Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement. For details, see:  

**AGENDA**

6:30  
Meet the candidates and enjoy refreshments provided by The Dessert Tray

7:00 to 9:00  
Candidate Forum. The invited candidates are:

**Metro President**

Rex Burkholder  
Tom Hughes  
Bob Stacey

**Metro Council District 4**, includes CPO 1

Kathryn Harrington (incumbent)  
John Verbeek

**Washington County Commission Chair**

Andy Duyck  
Dick Schouten  
Doak Schulte

The candidates for Beaverton City Council will follow the regional candidates.
We are coming up on an election here in Washington County that will have significant impact on the composition of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with three of the five BCC positions up for grabs. CPO 1 lies in District 2 where Greg Malinowski, Michael Matousek, Mike Niehuser and Jason Yurgel are competing for our votes. Running for the mostly-rural District 4 position are Bob Terry, Greg Mecklem and Richard Kidd. Now that long-time BCC Chair Tom Brian is retiring, Dick Schouten, Andy Duyck and S. Doak Schulte are vying for the lead role in the county. Plus a race for the very important but arcane position of County Auditor is being waged by John Hutzler and Kim Johnsen. There is quite a variety of styles offered by these candidates for positions about which most people have little understanding so here are some explanations which hopefully will be of help in making good choices.

The BCC is responsible for carrying out all functions and duties required of the County or its officials by the Oregon Constitution and federal, state and county laws. The Washington County Charter, http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CharterCode/index.cfm provides for a Council-Manager form of government, giving legislative responsibility to the five-member Board and designating administrative authority to a Board-appointed professional County Administrator. The Chairman of the BCC is elected by a county-wide vote; each of the other four Commissioners is elected by voters in their district. The Washington County Strategic Plan, http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/MissionStrategic/index.cfm organizes the government into five functional areas: general government; public safety; land use, housing and transportation; health and human services; and culture, education and recreation. The total Washington County budget for 2009-2010 is $652.1 million ($16.4 million (2% less than last year) and employs about 1700 people. The BCC is responsible for creating a proposed annual operating budget and capital program that complies with State law, and specifies procedures to be used for its financial management. The BCC also creates a five-year projection of the operating budget and capital program which compares the proposed budget to such projections made in the previous five years.

The Commissioners enter into Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with cities and agencies for purposes of cooperation and coordination. Individual Commissioners serve as county representatives on a total of 30 different boards, commissions, committees and councils. With over 130,000 people in about 51,000 households residing in the urban unincorporated area that is District 2, our Commissioner, plus the Chair, are our only direct representatives in local county government.

The elected County Auditor (see http://www.co.washington.or.us/auditor/) position is not well known and it does not execute financial audits of the budget as is commonly assumed. It is a performance auditing position mandated by the county Charter to independently evaluate the effectiveness and results achieved by County programs and activities. Good government should be transparent and accountable to taxpayers for what it does with our tax dollars and elected auditors are uniquely positioned to independently assess whether an agency or program is accomplishing its goals, and doing so in the most cost-effective way. When opportunities are identified which can improve program efficiency or effectiveness, the County Auditor makes recommendations to which the County Administrator responds. The joint results are reported to the BCC then everyone works together with agency managers to develop and execute plans for improvement.

To be effective, it is important that the County Auditor have extensive experience both in analyzing and communicating their findings. There is a listing of completed Audit Reports on the county web site at: www.co.washington.or.us/Auditor/projectsummary.cfm. You will find performance audit reports on the Enhanced Sheriff Patrol District (ESPD), Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD), Contract Administration (recommending a process to guide contracting-out for services), Facility And Equipment Reserve Funding (an equipment replacement program), and Performance Measurement Support (developing internal performance reporting systems). It also includes an audit report on the county’s Annexation Processes as well as the more highly publicized Service Incidence Study. The Service Incidence Study project was designed to identify potential tax subsidies and surpluses between specific geographic areas of Washington County. These geographic areas include: 1) incorporated areas (cities); 2) the urban unincorporated area; and 3), the rural area. In simplified terms, this is a key part of an on-going effort to determine if the incorporated areas subsidize the unincorporated areas, or vice versa. The County Auditor deals with “little stuff “ like that.

May the best candidates win!

-Bruce
### CPO #1 LAND USE ITEMS UPDATED

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<td>Determination of a non-conforming use for a free-standing sign and alteration of the sign faceplate.</td>
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<td>1000067 Type II R5</td>
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<td>1000110 Type II To: R24-40</td>
<td>Tahran Architecture and Planning 630 NW Murray Blvd Portland 97229</td>
<td>Preliminary development review request for a 20-unit apartment complex in a transit oriented residential district, “Sarah Court Apartments”.</td>
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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](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

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### OSU Debuts Sustainable Gardening Web Page

Brief, fun and unusual tips on sustainable gardening are available through a new Oregon State University online effort called Northwest Gardens. It can be found at [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/sustainability/](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/sustainability/).

Video podcasts and an illustrated show feature Corvallis gardener Teresa Welch, who demonstrates how she uses sustainable gardening practices throughout the year to grow vegetables, fruit trees and flowers. Welch is a previous OSU Extension publications editor and worked for 14 years on hundreds of publications about horticulture and agriculture.

Welch explains her sustainable gardening philosophy in short video podcasts. These iTunes podcasts can be viewed on devices such as iPhones and iPads. Among her comments:

- Pollinators at work: "Everything has its job here. No one gets off scot-free in this garden."
- Sweet potato cloche: "They never know they're not in Georgia."
- Soaker hoses for everything: "You can plant onions close together with a spiraled soaker hose."
- Have a few roses: "The former owner sprayed religiously, but there's no way I'm going to spray roses all summer."
- What a cloche and some plastic can do: "I grow tomatoes, melons and peppers in a cloche because they love the heat."
- Out of slug range: "Pole beans also use less space and are easy to pick."
- Summer bounty: "There's not a lot of work to do at this point because it's too hot and dry for weeds to grow."
- The joys of winter gardening: "Lots of good things to enjoy fresh over the winter."
- Feeding the soil: "In the fall I just dig a trench, add the remains of plants and cover them with dirt."
- The whole sustainability thing: "I like the sense of life everywhere."

Also on the sustainable gardening site are links to a special food issue of Oregon's Agricultural Progress magazine; gardening news stories; one-minute audio spots; grow your own food and other "how-tos;" garden calendars and OSU Master Gardeners.
Assemble a 'Disaster Supply' Kit

Whether you evacuate or shelter-in-place, you need essential supplies on hand that enable you be self-sufficient (no electricity, no water, etc.) for at least 72 hours. Kit contents should be tailored to each person's needs and include the following:

- Water—one gallon per person per day
- Food—ready to eat, non-perishable, high protein, high calorie foods such as peanut butter, canned meats, energy bars, canned fruits, vegetables, etc.
- First Aid Kit and First Aid Reference Guide
- Portable battery-operated radio and spare batteries
- Whistle
- Flashlights and spare batteries and/or glow sticks
- List of emergency contact phone numbers
- Blankets, extra clothing, sturdy shoes and gloves
- Non-electric can opener
- Small fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- Three-day supply of medications, extra eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, insurance papers) kept in a waterproof and portable container
- Personal toiletries and comfort items such as toys and books
- Map of local area in case evacuation to shelters is necessary
- Crescent wrench or multi-purpose tool for utility shut-off
- Cash and coins for emergency purchases (especially in small denominations)
- Emergency supplies for your pets
- Camp stove and propane
- Household bleach, unscented
- Personal hygiene items including toilet paper, feminine supplies, plastic bags and soap.
- Extra pair of eyeglasses, hearing aid and batteries, walking stick and any other vital personal items
- Other supplies: plastic bags, plastic sheeting, duct tape and utility knife.

Keep the items that you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container. Possible containers include a large, covered trash container; a camping backpack; or a duffle bag.

Be sure to rotate your supplies every six months. One way to remind yourself to do this is to set aside a couple of hours when the clocks change. For a more detailed list, go to www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/supplies

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April Shower Power

Spring rain making your yard soggy? Consider installing a rain garden or swale which lets rain soak into the ground and helps filter out pollutants before water gets to storm drains and our waterways. A few resources to get you started:

Attend a free rain garden class, Saturday, May 1 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at OSU Extension's Family Living & Learning Day. For more information go to http://calendar.oregonstate.edu/event/38890/

Register for a free rain garden workshop Saturday, May 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. For more information go to http://www.emswcd.org/workshops-events?func=details&did=141

Sign up to be a Clean Water Hero and get up to three hours of free, on-site technical assistance for your yard. Go to http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/Residents/ToolsAndTips/CWHProgram.aspx

Download the new Oregon Rain Garden Guide at http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/Search.aspx?query=Oregon%20rain%20garden%20guide and learn how to design and build rain gardens with information specific to Oregon's conditions, including rainfall and appropriate plants.
Public Affairs Forum Topics for May 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

May 3, 2010
Topic: United States Senate Race.
Democrat Speakers: Democrats Pavel Goberman, Loren Hooker.
Republican Speakers: Shane Dinkel, Jim Huffman, Loren Later, Robin Parker, Tom Stutzman, Keith Waldron, Walter Woodland.

May 10, 2010
Topic #1: County Auditor Race.
Speakers: John Hutzler, Kim Johnsen.
Topic #2: Metro Council District 4 candidates.
Speakers: Kathryn Harrington and John Verbeek.
Topic #3: Justice of the Peace.
Speakers: James R. Shartel and Teresa Kohl.

May 17, 2010
Topic: PGE's Plans for Boardman plant.
Speaker: PGE spokesperson TBA and Jeff Bissonnette for CUB, the Citizen's Utility Board

May 24, 2010
Topic: Kaiser Permanente Health Care - a model for the future?
Speaker: Mark Charpentier, V.P. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the NW.

Time: Mondays 11:15 am - 1 pm except on major holidays.
Location: Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro, OR 97124, 503-617-7614
For last minute updates and additional information about the forum, visit: www.washingtoncountyforum.org

Rewarding Opportunity- Elder Safe Volunteers Needed

The Elder Safe Program is currently seeking new volunteers who are interested in helping seniors and volunteering with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office. Volunteers help provide emotional support and victim assistance to people 65 and older who have been a victim of crime. Another volunteer opportunity includes monthly maintenance and battery change-outs for locating bracelets worn by seniors or other dependant persons prone to wander.

Before starting, volunteers must have completed an extensive criminal background check and minimum 20 training hours. Volunteer hours are flexible and tailored to fit the individual’s interests and abilities. For more information, contact Marcia Langer at: 503.846.6048 or email, marcia_langer@co.washington.or.us

CPO Email News and Discussion Group

CPOTalk, an email news and discussion group for CPO members, focuses on land-use and livability issues in Washington County. Sign up to receive the latest information on land use and livability in Washington County. Regular postings include articles from local newspapers, state legislative updates, and local/regional/state reports relating to land use and livability.

To sign up for CPOTalk, send an email to cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu with your name, street address, zipcode and email address. We’ll do the rest!

To keep email messages to a minimum, you can elect to receive messages in digest form (one email a day with all messages received within a 24-hour period). For more information, contact Margot Barnett, CPO Coordinator, 503-821-1114 or margot.barnett@oregonstate.edu.
Mosquito Control and West Nile Virus

Washington County Mosquito Control is responsible for managing mosquitoes by an integrated pest management (IPM) strategy. The goal of IPM is to maintain tolerable levels of mosquito populations using sound environmental practices. This goal is achieved by: education, mosquito surveillance, source reduction, habitat modification, biological control methods, and mosquito-breeding areas with public health pesticides.

Washington County Environmental Health Mosquito Control Program:
- Collects and Tests dead birds and mosquitoes for West Nile Virus (WNV) and other diseases.
- Provides education in the community. Contact us for information regarding group presentations.
- Identifies mosquito-breeding areas and conducts routine surveillance.
- Treats areas of concern for mosquitoes that can carry diseases.
- Coordinates surveillance and control efforts with other local governmental agencies.
- Distributes Mosquito Fish (Gambusia affinis) to Washington County residents for use in their ornamental ponds, water troughs and other potential breeding areas.

To report a dead bird, report potential mosquito breeding areas, request mosquito fish or for more information please call 503-846-8722 for environmental health, 503-846-2904 for mosquito control WNV 24-Hour Information Line: 503-846-8890 or go to http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/WestNileVirus/index.cfm

Signs Sprouting Along County Roadways

Spring is here and signs are sprouting like weeds along Washington County roads. They're getting out of control and we're pulling them up by the roots. The blight of political, real estate, work at home, and garage sale signs will start to disappear as crews begin their periodic sweep of illegal signs.

According to Land Use and Transportation operations manager Dave Schamp, "Signs placed illegally along the road generate safety issues and many citizen complaints, so periodically we concentrate on rounding them up. Naturally the problem peaks just prior to elections but we don't discriminate – politics, real estate, internet access – we take them all."

Besides being a visual blight on the landscape, illegally placed signs block driver visibility and pedestrian access, and compete with important traffic control signs for driver attention. They also damage irrigation systems in landscaped areas.

The public should never place signs in the road right-of-way, which generally includes the roadway, ditches, shoulders and sidewalks; basically all the area between the utility poles on both sides of the road. Signs must also not be placed on traffic signposts, power poles or signal cabinets.

The majority of signs are snagged by community service workers who, under the supervision of county employees, cruise the main roads favored by sign owners. The confiscated materials are recycled or disposed of at the landfill.

For more information about Washington County's sign regulations, contact the Operations Division at 503-846-ROAD (846-7623) or wc-roads@co.washington.or.us.

Cast Your Vote for City of Beaverton's Annual Flicks By the Fountain!

What do you want to watch this summer? Here's your chance to decide what movies we'll show this August at Flicks by the Fountain. Voters have until Friday, May 25 at 5 p.m. to choose their favorites. Vote online at http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/mayor/events/flicks_fountain.aspx.
County/ODFW Fish Passage Agreement is First of its Kind in Oregon

On April 8 Washington County's Road Operations and Maintenance Division became the first transportation agency in the state to enter into a Fish Passage Programmatic Agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. This agreement allows the county to undertake roadway stream crossing projects without project-by-project regulatory approval. It benefits the county by providing a well-defined approval pathway and predictable design and construction requirements for bridge and culvert projects requiring ODFW fish passage approval.

County staff has been working to develop and implement fish passage programmatic approvals for nearly a decade. Washington and Clackamas counties along with the Association of Oregon Counties (please go to http://www.aocweb.org/aoc/default.aspx) partnered with ODFW in developing a programmatic agreement for transportation agencies that have a proven track record of successfully designing, installing, and maintaining stream crossing projects which meet all fish passage laws. A shared goal was to ensure the agreement could be used as a model by other transportation agencies.

Over the last ten years, Washington County road maintenance projects have successfully replaced transportation structures which blocked fish access with structures that meet both engineering and environmental goals, providing new habitat of nearly sixty miles for all fish, including trout and salmon species. County Commissioners adopted Best Management Practices for road maintenance in 2000. Five years ago, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service gave its approval under the Endangered Species Act of the county's updated BMPs. Washington County remains one of only a few transportation agencies in Oregon to have been granted this federal approval.

Washington County Operations Division continues to explore other programmatic approaches for projects with environmental components, reflecting their commitment to road maintenance practices which preserve, protect and restore the environments that support natural resource-based economic activity, native flora and fauna, rural lifestyles and recreational opportunities.

For more information about Washington County's environmental practices related to road maintenance, contact Janet Oatney, Senior Environmental Resource Specialist, at 503-846-7652 or janet_oatney@co.washington.or.us.

Get Ready for the 2010 National Night Out!
Tuesday, August 3, 2010

What is National Night Out, you ask? National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and
- Sends a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Join your neighbors, join forces against crime!

For more information please go to http://www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/neighbor/watch.pl?searchstring=currentidx

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Would You Like To Receive An Email Reminder Before The Next CPO 1 Meeting?

It is the policy of the OSU/CPO program not to release your email address to anyone. However, if you wish to receive a reminder a day or two before the CPO meeting, please respond to this message and we will forward your name and email address to the CPO volunteer who has offered to provide this service.
DEQ Launches 'Oregon Carbon Calculator'

A new interactive tool on the DEQ website lets Oregon residents measure their carbon footprint and discover ways to improve it. The Oregon Carbon Calculator found at http://www.deq.state.or.us/programs/sustainability/carboncalculator.htm calculates all direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions from personal transportation, household energy use, and consumption of food, goods and services.

Find out how your household's carbon footprint compares to households of similar size and income. And learn how you can take action to reduce your carbon footprint from a number of specific ideas and strategies.

The Oregon Carbon Calculator is made possible through Oregon DEQ's support of the CoolClimate Network, a program of the University of California, Berkeley, and through financial support by the California Air Resources Board and the CoolCalifornia.org partnership. Oregon DEQ selected this calculator for its approach and depth in calculating human impacts to climate change.