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

## Citizen Participation Organization 1

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

7:00 PM

**St. Vincent Medical Center  
Souther Auditorium**

### AGENDA

7:00 PM

**Welcome**

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Report**

**CPO Announcements and Discussion** (neighborhood meetings and development status)

**Community Announcements**

**"It's Your CPO" Open Mic**

7:30PM

**Connecting Neighborhoods Update.** The Connecting Neighborhoods subcommittee of CPO 1 is active on a variety of fronts. Some exciting news regarding a Safe Routes to School grant will be announced as well as reports on their ongoing work, including projects proposed for the County's Minor Betterments Program.

8:15PM

**John Valley, U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley's Field Representative.**

Mr. Valley will introduce himself and describe his role. We will learn how the Portland field office and Washington DC office operate and work together. John will describe the Senator's committee assignments, the issues he currently is working on, and a quick synopsis of the Senator's positions on current issues of the day. He will be happy to answer any questions we may have.

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## Turning Community Visions into Reality – Urban Renewal

Many places in our metropolitan region have crafted visions that identify key improvements to enhance their communities. In order to implement these visions, interested property owners who are willing to invest in positive future development are required. While community visions and property owner interest is paramount, selected public investments are also needed to help prime the pump and catalyze additional private investments in these areas. There is a proven community investment tool available to help –urban renewal. It is a program to help Oregon cities and counties renew specific areas within their boundaries. Urban renewal uses tax increment financing as a way for local governments to focus investments on a particular area in order to bring about public and private improvements. By targeting local investments in specific areas like downtowns, selected public projects and programs can address declining areas, provide incentives to attract private business and housing, build sidewalks, streets and utilities, address traffic flow and public safety, and support private investment in an area. As property values increase in the focus area, that value is captured and reinvested in projects which have been designed to enhance the focus area. Urban renewal is used frequently in Oregon, largely because it is not a new tax on someone's property or the general public – it shifts future property tax revenues in the target area to the present day to pay for improvements.

But why is urban renewal sometimes thought of as controversial? In Washington County, urban renewal has been very selectively and successfully used, with clearly defined plans, in places such as Hillsboro and Sherwood. In the City of Portland, there are many urban renewal areas which have built many great structures which exemplify Portland as we know it today – places like Pioneer Courthouse Square, Ira Keller Fountain, the Chinatown Gateway, Waterfront Park and the Eastbank Esplanade Trail. Currently, the City of Portland, through the Portland Development Commission (PDC) has 10 active urban renewal areas, each with unique needs and programs and not all of the Portland investments are easily understood. With multiple complex programs going on simultaneously, doubt and misinformation can complicate matters for everyday people who wish to understand Portland's urban renewal programs. But here in Washington County, urban renewal is used on a more limited basis. It is also more focused and guided by adopted community visions and plans which increase the likelihood for successful outcomes in the intended area as well as for our whole community.

Your regional, county, and city elected officials and staff work hard to make your community vision a reality, so that this continues to be a great place for you and your family to live and prosper. You have contributed to exciting community visions, and together with interested property owners and strategic public investments made through tools like urban renewal, we are *Making a Great Place*.

-Kathryn Harrington

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**'It's Our Nature' outreach initiative brings Metro natural areas to you, and vice versa.** Like any good hike, the journey to preserve the Portland metropolitan area's natural treasures warrants a stop along the way to reflect on where the region has come from and where it's going. That's why Metro is engaging the community this summer with the "It's Our Nature" outreach initiative. Find out more here: <http://news.oregonmetro.gov/5/post.cfm/it-s-our-nature-outreach-initiative-brings-metro-natural-areas-to-you-and-vice-versa>.

**Household hazardous waste fee reinstated, solid waste rate increases.** To help cover the costs of operating the program, Metro is reinstating a Household Hazardous Waste fee. The \$5 fee will be charged for a load up to 35 gallons of waste; each additional 35 gallons will be charged an additional \$5. Disposal rates at Metro's two transfer stations will also be increasing, effective Aug. 1. Find out the details here: <http://news.oregonmetro.gov/5/post.cfm/household-hazardous-waste-fee-reinstated-solid-waste-rate-increases>.

## CPO 1 View From the Chair – September 2011

The Bonny Slope community had a reunion this month to gather together the folks who went to the Bonny Slope School (now the site of the Terra Nova School) and also to give current residents of the area a chance to meet. As long-established residents of the area and with a keen interest in history, Virginia Bruce and I attended the event. We met lots of people and got filled-in on local recent and distant history. I also got to witness the affection all the students still have for their beloved janitor, who, at 93, is still lively. It is with this image in mind that I consider the trend to replace family-wage janitorial jobs, employing traditionally-able workers, with workers who have developmental disabilities. “Supported Employment for the developmentally disabled” is a critical factor to ensuring their success in life. However, the relationship between students and their janitor may not be the same. It would be difficult to be put in the position of having to choose which groups to employ. You can follow Beaverton’s janitor selection process at [www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2011/08/beaverton\\_reviews\\_city\\_contract\\_involving\\_janitors\\_with\\_disabilities.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2011/08/beaverton_reviews_city_contract_involving_janitors_with_disabilities.html)

### Washington County Sustainability Program

The County Auditor’s Office recently completed an audit of the county’s Sustainability Program. The report and related documents are posted on the web site: [www.co.washington.or.us/Auditor/audit-reports.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Auditor/audit-reports.cfm) where the nascent program is analyzed. At this time, the program is primarily focused on practices internal to county departments. The response from the County Administrator’s Office indicates the county’s dedication to fully understanding “sustainability” and making it a reality on many levels. The need for community-focused actions is recognized.

### Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan

[www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/PlanningProjects/alohareedville/index.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/PlanningProjects/alohareedville/index.cfm)  
[www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/PlanningProjects/alohareedville/PublicInvolvement/index.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/PlanningProjects/alohareedville/PublicInvolvement/index.cfm)

The Aloha-Reedville area is an unincorporated urban area between Hillsboro and Beaverton. Despite strategic advantages, the area has begun to show signs of physical and economic decline. A variety of Federal, State and local grants are now funding this project to create a plan with a shared and supported vision, goals, and strategies to help that area become healthy, vibrant, and sustainable. The project will identify local needs and improvements, create plans to support an attractive and sustainable community, including safe and accessible walking and bicycling options and improved transportation connections. Communities within CPO 1 – Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills – may be logical candidates for similar projects in the future.

- Bruce



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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.*

- ♦Lithia Motors is proposing to remodel the existing auto dealership building and add a parking structure on the southwest side of the site located at 9275 SW Canyon Rd. The neighborhood meeting was held August 25, 2011.

- ♦Proposal to adjust the common lot line between the two tax lots, 11370 NW Thompson Rd and 3615 NW South Rd. to separate the existing residence fronting on NW South Rd from the development and subdivide the remaining property into 16 lots for 16 new single-family detached dwellings. The existing residence and manufactured home which front on NW Thompson Rd will be demolished. *The neighborhood meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 6:30pm at Cedar Mill Library, 12505 NW Cornell Rd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor meeting room.*

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**Don't forget, the Washington County Extension Office is moving in September to Hillsboro.  
See our website for details:**

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/>

<b>CPO #1 LAND USE ITEMS UPDATED</b>			
<b>CASE FILE/TYPE</b>	<b>APPLICANT LOCATION</b>	<b>PROPOSED ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
1100138 Type II R5	Peter Regan 14020 SW Butner Rd Beaverton 97006	Preliminary review approval for a 2-parcel partition, "Butner Road Partition".	Approved.
1100141 Type II IND	Maxim Integrated Products 14320 SW Jenkins Rd Beaverton 97005	Development review for industrial building expansion.	Approved.
1100149 Type II NC	Ginger Properties LLC 11200 NW Thompson Rd Portland 97229	Development review for a mixed use development (office/retail) and an access management plan for access to NW Thompson Rd.	Application received. Status is pending.
1100214 Type II R6	Andre and Claudia Idzari 1200 NW 95 <sup>th</sup> Ave Portland 97229	Development review for a single-family dwelling on a 13,406 square foot lot of record.	Application received. Public comment period 8/22/11 to 9/6/11.

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

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## Join the Transportation Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee

Washington County is planning to update its transportation plan and is looking for area residents to serve on a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to help guide the project.

Transportation issues continue to be of major concern in Washington County and throughout the region. As growth continues and the challenge of accommodating travel needs becomes more difficult, these concerns are unlikely to abate. Although minor modifications to the plan occur fairly frequently, the last comprehensive review of the plan was completed in 2002. This update, which is expected to occur over the next 18-24 months, provides an opportunity for residents and local government officials and staff to work together to respond to and identify innovative approaches for addressing future transportation needs.

County Board members will be reviewing specific proposals for CAC composition and a selection process over the next few weeks. It is anticipated that CAC membership will reflect a diversity of perspectives and experiences and a balance of geographic, modal and stakeholder interests.

An application packet is being developed and is expected to be available shortly. People who think they may be interested in serving on the committee and would like an application packet when they’re available should contact the Long Range Planning Division at 503-846-3519.

Project staff also are compiling a list of people interested in being kept aware of plan update progress and participation opportunities, though they may not be interested in committing to serve on the CAC. Residents interested in this level of participation may also call 503-846-3519 and ask to be included on the appropriate notification list.





TUALATIN RIVER  
WATERSHED COUNCIL

## Want to Extend Your Interest in the Woods, Waters and Natural Areas of Washington County?

*Washington County Citizen Participation Organizations seek Representative for Tualatin River Watershed Council*

If you live, own property or a business in Washington County you are eligible to become the Citizen Participation Organization(CPO) representative member on the Tualatin River Watershed Council. Serving on the Council is a great way use and learn new skills, and meet others interested in natural resource management, government and education.

The Tualatin River Watershed Council is a watershed-stewardship organization that promotes and encourages *sustainability and watershed-wise practices* in Tualatin River watershed. The Council was formed in 1993 and is comprised of 20 stakeholder representatives, including representatives from the basin's agricultural, forestry, business, citizens, education, environmental, fisheries, county, city and special service districts (such as water, sewage and parks) interests.

The Council's mission is to foster better stewardship and understanding of the Tualatin River watershed resources; address natural resource issues; and ensure sustainable watershed health, functions, and uses. The council works by connecting volunteers, friends groups, and landowners with resources to restore and protect the land; providing watershed stewardship education; sharing information on watershed conditions; and improving watershed health by implementing the Council's 10-point Action Plan. More information such as watershed analysis for the basin and sub-basins, basin activities, the Council current members and projects can be found at [www.trwc.org](http://www.trwc.org).

Council representative's responsibilities:

- Attend monthly TRWC meetings, participate on a Council Committee and participate in additional Council activities that match your interests. The Council meets from 7 – 9 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Clean Water Services Administrative building in Hillsboro, Oregon.
- Share information about CPO activities with the Council, share information with CPO stakeholder groups about Council activities and provide CPO input, participate on a Council committee and in Council activities.



For more information, contact Washington County CPO Program 503-821-1128, [cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu](mailto:cpo.wash.co@oregonstate.edu) or April Olbrich, Council Coordinator, 503-846-4810, [trwc@easystreet.net](mailto:trwc@easystreet.net).

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washinton/cpo>

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## 9-1-1 is calling YOU . . . if You Sign Up!

We all know to call 9-1-1 when we need help, but now 9-1-1 wants to call you! Our central dispatch center, Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency, has implemented a new emergency notification system, also known as reverse 911.

Reverse 911 allows dispatch to send emergency messages to people within a given area or radius of an emergency. The messages will provide information or instructions to help you know how to react. You can receive the messages via your landline telephone, cellular phone, email, and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone. Sign up today at

<http://www.wccca.com/wcens/>



*Sheriff's Office News (Vol\_7 Issue\_8-August, 2011)*

## Offer Your Ideas and Opinions about Metro's Urban Growth Boundary Decision

This fall, the Metro Council will decide whether to expand the urban growth boundary and, if so, where. This decision will affect how the region's communities develop and thrive. It will have an impact on investments in good jobs and safe neighborhoods, protection of farms and forest land and getting more out of investments in existing schools, parks, sidewalks, streets and other public structures.

A proposal has been released for public comment. Metro held an open house on July 28<sup>th</sup> in downtown Hillsboro. If you missed the open house there is still time to learn about the proposal and offer your opinions. More information about this proposal can be found online at [www.oregonmetro.gov/greatplaces](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/greatplaces).

In October, when a final urban growth boundary vote is scheduled, the council will face two main questions. First, it must decide if the boundary has the capacity to accommodate housing needs for the next 20 years. It must also determine whether the boundary has enough industrial land to allow for expansion in the same time period.

The council could decide that there is adequate land for more housing, but if it does determine expansion is needed, it will choose from seven areas for expansion. Metro planners have determined there is a need for industrial lots over 50 acres. There is only one area – a 310-acre parcel of land north of Hillsboro, south of U.S. 26 – that staff has recommended for industrial expansion.

You can send your comments via email to [2040@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:2040@oregonmetro.gov), or letter to the Metro Council 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232.

The next formal step for the Metro Council is an Oct. 6 public hearing before the Metro Council. A final public hearing and council vote is scheduled to take place Oct. 20.

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## Rent Well, a Free Tenant Education Program

**Free** training begins Thursday, September 29, 2011, 9:00am to 11:30am every week for 6 weeks to be held at Willow Creek Center, 241 SW Edgeway Dr (off 185<sup>th</sup> Ave), Beaverton, Room 204.

- Learn about your responsibilities as a tenant
- Learn about Landlord - Tenant Laws
- Start taking steps to finding housing

This is for you if you are:

- Looking for affordable housing,
- Getting denied because of barriers
- Unsure of your rights as a renter



Registration starts September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 am. Call: 503-640-3263 to add your name to the list. Child care is not available, and kids are not allowed in the classroom.



## New Website for Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

The Tualatin SWCD has a brand new website! Please visit <http://www.swcd.net/> to check it out! The new site is easier to use and includes lots of useful conservation information. While you're there, sign up for the e-newsletter to get information about upcoming events and SWCD news. Hope you enjoy it!

## Volunteers Needed as Intertwine Partners Gear Up For Trail User Counts

From September 13th to 18th, Alliance partner organizations and volunteers from around the region will gather along trails to count and survey people biking and walking on The Intertwine. As a part of the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project, this is an ongoing effort to collect accurate trail use data to help decide where and when to build new trails and respond to the needs of trail users.

Trail User Counts will be taking place at nearly 100 unique sites around Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah and Washington counties on the weekdays of September 13th, 14th and 15th from 5 - 7 p.m., and also on the weekend of September 17th and 18th from 9 - 11 a.m.

The success of this yearly data-gathering effort is due in large part to the involvement of volunteers. Please help spread the word by directing people to The Intertwine website <http://theintertwine.org/> where volunteers can get information on how to be involved in Oregon and Washington.

A volunteer training session for Oregon will be held at Metro on September 8th from 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please go to <http://theintertwine.org/>.

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## Take 5 to Prepare, More Ideas for You

If you find it difficult to set aside time to prepare for emergencies, you're not alone. Public surveys list "lack of time" as the primary reason people cite for not taking steps to prepare themselves and their families for a major emergency.

Rather than viewing emergency preparedness as an insurmountable task, consider what you could accomplish in just 5 minutes. Below is a list of recommendations from our Take 5 to Survive project list. Make it a team effort and involve your family. Once you meet your goal, celebrate for being prepared for the emergencies ahead!



### 5 minute projects:

1. Make sure all adults in your home know how to use a fire extinguisher.
2. The most common injuries after an EQ are cuts to hands and feet, so do your best to protect them. Place a pair of shoes, socks, work gloves, a whistle, and a light stick or flashlight with batteries under your bed. You want to be able to reach them after the EQ shaking stops. You'll have ready access to protection for your feet and hands, a signaling device, and a light source – all in an easily-accessible place.
3. Identify your utility shut-off valves, and place a shut-off tool by the door nearest to them. You won't have to search for the shut-off tool when you need it most. Teach the adults and older children in your house when and how to use them. Natural gas customers [click here for directions](#).
4. Pets are not allowed in emergency shelters. Create a plan for your pets in case you need to evacuate your home.
5. Work with your doctor to make sure you and your family members have at least a one-week supply of necessary medications. Don't forget to include special plans if someone is reliant on home oxygen, powered medical equipment, or durable medical supplies.
6. Replace outdated medications in the emergency kit.
7. Install a child-proof lock on a cupboard or drawer, each day. During an earthquake, contents will be shaken up but won't pose a danger by falling out.
8. Fill out a medical information card (history, meds, contact info) that can be used in any medical emergency but should also go into an emergency kit.
9. Conduct a digital home inventory. Set your timer for five minutes, and concentrate on only one room. Take digital photos of everything in the room, making sure you capture enough detail to prove make/model/vintage/price range. Download your photos to a special file on your computer. Continue each day and soon you will be done.
10. Take five minutes to make several copies of your digital inventory photos on DVDs. Store one in a safe place at your home and one in your go-kit that you take if you have to evacuate, put one in your safe deposit box, and send one to a friend or relative that lives at least one state away.

For more information, please go to <http://www.take5tosurvive.com/>. Other sites of interest are <http://www.redcross.org/>, <http://www.fema.gov/>, <http://www.ready.gov/>, <http://www.cdc.gov/>, <http://www.ftc.gov/>



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 TIME SENSITIVE**

## Bicycle Lighting – A Life or Death Decision

**One tragic night** at about 9 pm on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, three friends were riding their bikes on a dark rural road near North Plains. They were riding in the roadway, but had no lights on their bikes or reflective clothing. As they rounded a curve in the road, they were struck from behind by a pickup truck traveling 55 mph, the speed limit on this stretch of roadway. Without lights or light clothing, there were virtually invisible in the darkness until it was too late. The ensuing crash took the life of one cyclist and injured the other two.

What type of lighting does your bicycle have? What about your child's? Will your children be riding at dusk or in hours of darkness? Sergeant Steve Thompson of our Bike Patrol Unit explains that the law only requires a bicycle to have a white light to the front and a red reflector to the rear at times of limited visibility. However, that alone may not keep you safe. In addition to the white light on the front of your bike, we recommend that you invest in and always use an illuminated red light for the rear.



### Be more visible with proper lighting:

- Lights that strobe or flash are more noticeable than continuous lights
- Higher wattage and lumens are brighter and therefore easier to see
- Consider secondary lights that clip to the rider's clothing, front and rear.
- Wear light colored clothing or, even better, reflective clothing
- The more you shine and stand out, the more likely motorists will notice you.

You can learn a lot by visiting one of the many helpful bike shops and outdoor sporting goods stores located throughout Washington County.