Thanks to all who made it to the meeting. Deborah Wood, Manager with Washington County Animal Services, gave a great presentation on everything the county does for our dogs and cats. Many of us were surprised to hear how much has improved over the last couple years since Debbie has been managing it. It’s exciting to know that now in 2010, they no longer euthanize ANY healthy animal at Bonnie Hays Small Animal Shelter, located at 1901 SE 24th Ave. in Hillsboro  503-846-7041. Please don’t forget them when you or a friend considers adding a new member to your family. They’re the only shelter that takes in strays and they give a behavior/health assessment, have a Socialization Program (Open Paw), work with outreach adoptions at pet retailers and with a broad network of shelter/rescue groups. Every one of their adopted animals is spayed/neutered before going to its new home, is up to date on their shots, is microchipped and the shelter will soon have a full time veterinary service available. We were thoroughly impressed. They always love volunteers!

For those who stayed late following the meeting, Sherwood's candidate for Mayor, Bill Millington, was there to share conversation and answer some questions. It's a shame more of our elected officials didn't consider introducing themselves to our members. While we don't have many people regularly attending our meetings, those who do are active in the community.

Remember the Rainwater Harvesting Workshop is being held Saturday, Nov 13th from 9am to 1pm at Clean Water Services, 2550 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro. Be sure to register by Nov 5th, to 503-648-3174, x102 or lacey.townsend@or.nacdnet.net. It's FREE!

There will be no meeting in November, with our next planned meeting to be held on December 8th, the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Same time - 7pm - at the Sherwood TVF&R Station 33.

If the CPO is able to continue, I'm thinking it might be best to go to meetings every other month. Input from those of you interested in participating would be appreciated. There is actually supposed to be a Steering Committee to make decisions, rather than just one person. Don't forget the importance of voting next month. Strength comes with information and we want to be sure our elected officials believe in keeping us informed and engaged in the planning for our communities.

Enjoy this beautiful Fall we have this year.

Terri Wilson