Citizen Participation Organization 6

No December Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2011, 7:00PM

We all want to help our Homeless Neighbors in such tough times. Here is an opportunity for you to donate resources or Volunteer during Washington County’s 5th Annual Project Homeless Connect on Friday, January 28, 10am to 6pm

Sonrise Church, 6701 NE Campus Drive, Hillsboro
Max Stop: Orenco Station (shuttle provided) and Bus Lines #47 and 48

A one-day, one-stop event for FREE resources:

- Medical, Dental, Vision
- Haircuts
- Housing Information
- Transportation Information
- Pet Care and Supplies
- Bicycle Supplies and Services
- And much more!

Please see their web site: www.phcwashco.org for more information and comments from other volunteers.
Contact Robyn Hoppes, email: info@phcwashco.org.
To volunteer go to www.handsonportland.org.
Together, we can make all the difference to struggling individuals and families.

Organizing partners: Pacific University, Sonrise Church, Good Neighbor Center, Hands On Greater Portland, Vision Action Network.

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Washington County Office 18640 NW Walker Road, #1400 Beaverton, OR  97006-8927
From your Washington County Board of Commissioners:

Washington County’s Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Like many communities across the nation, a growing number of our friends and neighbors are facing financial hardships. For some, the result can be an unstable housing situation or even homelessness. Washington County saw an 11 percent increase in the number of homeless last year. Nearly 1,400 people experience homelessness on any given night in Washington County, and unemployment is their most frequently-cited reason for being homeless.

On June 3, 2008, our Board of Commissioners approved the Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness. The Ten-Year Plan, which represents a partnership among organizations and jurisdictions across Washington County, is the cornerstone to developing strategies, programs, and activities that can best assist homeless families and individuals in their move toward housing and self-sufficiency.

The first two years of the Plan’s implementation has resulted in a $6 million investment of federal, state, and local resources to support our community’s homeless services. As we begin Year Three, $4 million of the $5.5 million targeted by the Plan has already been funded. This includes $700,000 in new federal funds to support mortgage and rental assistance, veteran services, mental health services, and employment support.

We can see many concrete examples of the Plan’s positive impact. One difficult, and sometimes deadly, aspect of homelessness is finding safety during extreme weather conditions, especially for children and seniors. Under the auspices of the Plan, community partners in Washington County developed a collaborative solution to address this problem. In partnership with faith-based organizations, Washington County coordinates a Severe Weather Shelter program to provide temporary emergency shelter to homeless persons during inclement weather. During the winter of 2009-10, six church shelters provided 3,221 bed stays and hot meals to homeless individuals.

When the Board of Commissioners approved the Ten-Year Plan, Chairman Brian said the following: "The collective capacity of our compassion and commitment is greater than the depth of this challenge. We believe a reduction of homelessness is an achievable goal in Washington County through this Ten-Year Plan.” Three years into the Plan, we see concrete signs that this compassion and commitment are making a difference for those facing homelessness in our community.

For information on how to get involved, please go to: http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/10-year-plan-to-end-homelessness.cfm.

Chairman Tom Brian
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Commissioner Roy Rogers
Commissioner Dick Schouten
Commissioner Desari Strader

Washington County Fair Planning

The Board of County Commissioners and the Fair Board are exercising a collaborative approach toward conducting a high-quality Fair event each year and maintaining and improving facilities and property at the fairgrounds over the years ahead. The Washington County Fair Board has begun a process of developing a multi-year plan to guide the way the Fair event is conducted each year. County and Fair officials are actively seeking input from the public about a draft Fair Plan. Please take a moment to provide us with your input to help guide the planning of the Washington County Fair event.

Participate in the Fair Plan On-line Survey and sign up to keep informed on the Fair planning process:
http://www.co.washington.or.us/Fair/public-input.cfm
### Land Use and Development Applications

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<td>Symbiotik Development LLC 19240 SW Farmington Rd. Beaverton 97007</td>
<td>Preliminary review approval for a 9-lot subdivision, “Farmington Subdivision”.</td>
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<td>1000253 Type II OC</td>
<td>Corona Photography 4505 SW 185th Ave Beaverton 97007</td>
<td>Renewal of a home occupation permit.</td>
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<td>1000278 Type III R9</td>
<td>Kim Nguyen 4760 SW 160th Ave Beaverton 97007</td>
<td>Special use approval and development review for an approximate 1000 square foot religious institution.</td>
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<td>Polygon Northwest Co. 7575 SW Quarry Rd Beaverton 97007</td>
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<td>MLG at Steed Creek LLC SW Marty Lane and SW 170th Ave</td>
<td>Development review for 240 Apartment units consisting of 1,2, and 3 bedrooms in 10 buildings and a drainage hazard alteration for an outfall in a transit-oriented district (to: R24-40), Steed Creek”.</td>
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<td>Big Moose Development Inc. 17155 SW Florence St Beaverton 97007</td>
<td>Single family accessory dwelling unit (garage).</td>
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Type II land use applications have a 14 day public comment period. No public hearing is held unless decision is appealed. All Type III land use hearings are held at the Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building. [http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31](http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31), Mailing Address: Washington Co. DLUT, 155 N. First Ave.

### Kill A Watt® Energy Monitors Now Available @ Your Local Libraries

Now that temperatures are dropping you may be looking for ways to cut down on your electric bill. Washington County library cardholders can now checkout a new tool that can help them check-in to energy savings at home. Energy Trust of Oregon has joined forces with the libraries throughout Oregon to provide a Kill A Watt® Energy Monitor that can be borrowed, like a book. Reserve yours today through the WCCLS catalog at [http://catalog.wccls.org/](http://catalog.wccls.org/) search for kill a watt, or call 503-846-3222.

The Kill A Watt® monitor provides an easy way to measure the energy usage of household appliances and electronics. It can also reveal many surprising energy wasters—like a television that is turned “off” but still draws power. The monitor measurements can help you identify older appliances that may be costing a bundle to keep around.

The Kill A Watt® is simple to use: it is plugged into an electric socket, and then the electronic device to be measured is plugged into the Kill A Watt®. The monitor shows how much energy the device is using in kilowatt hours, the same measurement used on electricity bills. Those numbers can be calculated to show energy costs by hour, day, month or year. Monitors at the library are packaged with directions and tips, plus advice on how to apply the information learned to start saving energy. Using the results from the Kill A Watt®, households can make adjustments that can reduce their overall energy use and lower monthly utility bills.
Become a Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) Volunteer

Trauma Intervention Program of Portland/Vancouver, Inc. (TIP) is an organization of specially trained citizen volunteers who assist citizens in crisis. TIP is looking for caring people who want to be involved and make a difference in their community.

TIP is recruiting for a January 2011 Training Academy. Training consists of learning the specialized skills needed to assist victims and their family and friends immediately after a traumatic incident or sudden loss. TIP Volunteers are requested by and work with local police, fire and emergency medical crews. Volunteers can be called to assist in any traumatic situation such as:

- Offer comfort and support after the death or sudden illness of a loved one
- Provide emotional and practical support to those who have been robbed, burglarized or assaulted
- Help after a fire
- Support survivors of a suicide
- Help emotionally traumatized victims of accidents
- Witnesses to traumatic events
- Help those emotionally shaken by any crisis event
- Assist at schools or businesses after the death of student or employee

No experience is necessary; just bring your caring heart.

You can register online at: www.tipnw.org – click on the training tab. A TIP staff member will call you within 2 business days following submission of your registration for a brief phone interview. There is a $50.00 registration fee and attendance at each session is mandatory.

NOTE: Registration fee REQUIRED to secure your seat in the class. Please mail fee to TIP, 4800 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97230

Dates and times of classes:
- Thursday, January 13th 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Friday, January 14th 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Saturday, January 15th 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Sunday, January 16th 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 19th 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Thursday, January 20th 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Friday, January 21st 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday, January 22nd 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Monday, January 31st 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- First three 12-hour on- call shifts 7am to 7pm or 7pm or 7am, scheduled at your convenience.

All training sessions will be held at: Portland Fire Bureau Training Center, 4800 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97230 503-823-3937.

Show the River Some Love

The Love Your River campaign unites Oregonians working for clean and healthy rivers. Get to know your the Tualatin River and learn simple steps you can take to keep it clean. For more information go to http://loveyourriver.org/home.

Each month take a challenge and you'll be entered in a prize drawing for cool gear from REI.
Public Affairs Forum Topics for November/December 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](http://washingtoncountyforum.org/time-place)

In winter conditions Washington County's Public Affairs Forum follows the open/close decisions of the Hillsboro school district. Please follow local media information or check [http://hsd.k12.or.us/](http://hsd.k12.or.us/).

**November 29, 2010**
Topic: Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community!
Speaker: Douglas Tsoi, J.D. Program Coordinator

**December 6, 2010**
Speaker: Stephen Bloom, Executive Director

**December 13, 2010**
Speaker: Mike O'Brien Executive Director SHF.

**December 20, 2010**
Topic: Holiday program with the Conchord Chorale.
Speaker: Don Anderson.

**December 27, 2010, January 3, 2011:** No meeting

**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](http://www.washingtoncountyforum.org)

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## Help Plan the Future of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

- Should hunting be allowed on the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge?
- What should happen with Wapato Lake?
- Should there be a canoe and kayak access on the refuge?
- How should the refuge connect with regional trails?
- Which parts of the refuge should be open to the public?

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will hold two public scoping meetings in November and December about developing a comprehensive management plan for the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. The government agency is seeking public input about issues, concerns and opportunities regarding the refuge's future. When complete, officials say the plan will guide refuge management for the next 15 years.

The refuge was established in 1992, and currently manages 2,154 acres. Upon completion of planned land acquisitions, the refuge will be at 7,370 acres in units near Sherwood, Forest Grove and Gaston, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The meeting schedule is as follows:
**Tuesday, November 30, 7 to 9 p.m.** Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, 19255 S.W. Pacific Highway, Sherwood.
**Thursday, December 2, 2010,** 7 to 9 p.m., Forest Grove Senior and Community Center, 2037 Douglas St., Forest Grove

Written comments will be accepted through **Monday, January 10, 2011.** To submit comments, receive updates or be placed on a mailing list, write to: Refuge Manager, Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, 19255 S.W. Pacific Highway, Sherwood OR 97140.

Written comments may also be sent via e-mail to: [tualatincep@fws.gov](mailto:tualatincep@fws.gov); be sure to reference "Tualatin River CCP/EA" in the subject line. Written submissions may also be faxed to 503-625-5947.
Holiday Safety Tips

With Thanksgiving Day, the holiday season has arrived. Washington County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention would like to encourage everyone to be safe as you celebrate with friends and family over the next few months. Many of us will be decorating our homes with lights and candles which can bring along some potential dangers. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) see http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/treefire.shtm, there are over 2,600 people who are injured by fires over the holiday season, with over $930 million in damages.

Safety Tips:

- Carefully inspect each electrical decoration. Cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.
- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing bulbs or fuses.
- Follow the use and care instructions that accompany electrical decorations.
- Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.
- Do not mount or support light strings in a way that might damage the cord's insulation.
- When hanging decorations, do not connect more than three light strings together.
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never leave your toaster or stove unattended. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets, which can overheat and start a fire.
- Select a fresh Christmas tree and keep it in water at all times. Needles on fresh trees should be green and should not fall off easily.
- Know the location of your fire extinguisher and how to use it.
- Choose holiday decorations made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or noncombustible materials.
- Before using any electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is approved for outdoor use.
- Never allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations.

Including family in preparing for holiday celebrations creates an invaluable opportunity to spend additional time with loved ones, ensure the safety of your home and property, and introduce safety-minded behaviors that can be reinforced year after year.

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Don't Let Grease Cost You a Wing and a Leg

Ah the Holidays. Extra guests, extra food and extra cleanup. Avoid extra costs by keeping leftover gravy, pan drippings and sauces out of the sink drain. Otherwise, you may end up with an extra guest that charges by the hour. According to Roto-Rooter, incoming calls for service on the day after Thanksgiving will jump almost 50 percent.

To help combat the fat, Clean Water Services is offering a free "Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain Kit" to residents. Go to http://www.cleanwaterservices.org/BusinessAndIndustry/FatsOilsGreaseProgram/FreezetheGreaseSavetheDrain.aspx or call (503) 681-3678 to get your kit including a pan scraper, lid and easy-to-follow instructions to:

1. Scrape grease and food scraps into a can.
2. Freeze it.
3. Toss it into the trash.
Driving Impaired Hurts Everyone
The Washington County Sheriff’s Office is proud to present: DUII – How Much is Too Much.

This community presentation will deal with the many burning questions related to Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants in the State of Oregon.

1. How big is the problem?
2. Who drives drunk?
3. Are prescription drugs a problem in DUII?
4. How do we prevent DUII in our community?
5. How much can you drink before driving?

Topics will include:
- Alcohol in society
- How alcohol is absorbed and metabolized
- Binge drinking and underage drinking
- How to determine if someone is impaired, the problem of impaired driving in Oregon
- The cost of impaired driving, driving and prescription medications, prevention strategies, and liability
- Challenges for commercial drivers and CDL Holders

This presentation will be held at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office Training Center at 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro on Saturday, December 11, 2010, 12 pm—4 pm.

Note: If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you MUST have a parent or guardian at presentation.

For more information or to register, please contact Washington County Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention at 503-846-2579

Banks-Vernonia State Trail Connection Complete

The southern trailhead on the Banks-Vernonia State Trail opened for the first time in October. What began as Oregon's first state rails-to-trails project in 1990 will now offer a complete 21-mile connection between the two rural communities. Banks is in western Washington County, and Vernonia is in southern Columbia County.

A public ceremony was held on Friday, October 29th, in Banks at the trailhead site at the intersection of Main St, Banks Rd and Sellers Rd.

The $1.4 million project included the final 1.5 miles of trail, a trailhead and parking for 27 vehicles. Funding came from several sources -- Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant funding ($819,000); the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ($411,000); Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ($130,000 in Lottery Funds) and Washington County ($20,000). The project was managed cooperatively with Washington County as transportation staff moved a road to improve intersection safety.

"Completing a trail connection is a satisfying feeling," says Tim Wood, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director. "The people in Banks and Vernonia have supported this park patiently for these last 20 years, to serve their residents' recreation needs and for the economic boost that follows from well-run parks." Learn more about this State Trail and enjoy a hike, bike ride, or bring your horse! http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_.php
Coat Drive Helps Local People in Need Stay Warm

Brrrr, the chill of fall is in the air and we are all bundling up to keep cozy. It's the perfect time to clean out your coat closet or to buy a coat for someone in need. We invite you to join us in supporting One Warm Coat.

One Warm Coat is a community service project that collects new or clean and gently-used coats and jackets for local children and adults. The coats we collect this year will benefit the YMCA Family Resource Centers in Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

Donating is very easy — please deliver your coats to one of the following locations by November 30, 2010.

• Charles D. Cameron Public Service Building Lobby, 155 N First Ave, Hillsboro
• Washington County Sheriff’s Office Lobby, 215 SW Adams Ave, Hillsboro or 3700 SW Murray Blvd, Beaverton
• Clean Water Services, 2550 SW Hillsboro Hwy
• Land Use and Transportation, 1400 SW Walnut St, Hillsboro

Thank you for supporting One Warm Coat! More than one million coats have been provided to those in need at no cost since its inception in 1992. For more information go to http://onewarmcoat.org/

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