Citizen Participation Organization 7
There will not be a CPO 7 meeting in December

The next CPO 7 meeting will be
Monday, January 24, 2011, 7:00PM

Community Room of Bethany
15220 NW Laidlaw Rd.
(Above Huntington Learning Center, corner of 153rd and Laidlaw, enter through the back door.)

Save the Date!

Washington County’s NW Bethany Boulevard Improvement Project
Neighborhood Open House

The proposed project will improve NW Bethany Boulevard between NW Bronson Road and West Union Road. The goal is to improve safety for all modes (vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians) while reducing traffic congestion from the NW Bronson intersection north the West Union intersection.

Thursday, January 27, 2011
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sunset Presbyterian Church
(East Entrance)
14986 NW Cornell Road
Beaverton, OR 97006

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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  
Commissioner Andy Duyck  
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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| 1000232 Type II  
R9 | Arbor Lakes, LLC  
NW Brugger Rd | Preliminary review approval for a 96-lot subdivision, “Arbor Lakes No. 5.” | Approved. |
| 1000314 Type II  
EFU,INS,R5,  
FD20 | Clean Water Services  
17865 NW Springville Rd  
Portland 97229 | Special use review for a utility facility (sanitary sewer line) and flood plain alteration to install approximately 10,280 foot gravity trunk line to serve land in North Bethany inside UGB. | Application received. Status is pending. |
| 1000335 Type III  
R24-40 | MLG at Steed Creek  
Northwest corner of SW 170th Ave and SW Marty Lane | Development review for 243 apartment units in 10 building, “Steed Creek” and a drainage hazard alteration, all in a transit oriented district. | Application received. Awaiting public hearing notice. |
| 1000365 Type II  
R9 | Arbor Lakes LLC  
16680 NW Brugger Rd.  

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  
Mailing Address: Washington Co., DLUT, 155 N First Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Public Affairs Forum Topics for January 2011

**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/).

**January 10, 2010**
Speaker: Bill McKenzie, Communications and Government Relations Manager for Intel.

**January 17, 2010**
Topic: Introducing the Chief Justice of Oregon's Supreme Court  
Speaker: The Honorable Paul J. De Muniz.

**January 24, 2010**
Topic: Oregon Congressional and Legislative Redistricting in 2011.  
Speaker: TBA.

**January 31, 2010**
Topic: Muslims in America’s Public Square – Hopes Dreams and Aspirations.  
Speaker: Representative of the Muslim Educational Trust Center of Portland, Oregon.

**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)
Washington County Response to LCDC Action on Urban and Rural Reserves -
Proposed Supplemental IGA and Map

The Washington County Board of Commissioners as adopted a supplemental Urban and Rural Reserves Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Metro on Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m. Please note that this information is subject to change, see the last paragraph for more information.

In a decision on October 29, 2010 the Land Conservation and Development Commissions (LCDC) directed the County to remove the Urban Reserve designation on lands north of Council Creek, near the City of Cornelius and to provide additional findings for the Urban Reserves north and east of Council Creek, north of the City of Forest Grove. The decision also provided the County and Metro an opportunity to reconsider rural reserves in Washington County to comply with the LCDC decision.

Washington County has used the substantial record of research and analysis, and record of public comment, to develop proposals in the Supplemental IGA that are responsive to the LCDC decision. The County has reviewed options and conferred with numerous, but not all, interested parties in considering its response. The supplemental IGA proposes to replace the reduced Urban Reserves acreage north of the City of Cornelius (lands suitable for employment) with other lands in an amount not to exceed the reduced UR acreage and that are also suitable for employment. The Supplemental IGA also proposes to change a limited amount of acreage from Rural Reserves to Undesignated as discussed during the LCDC deliberations.

The Board have considered adoption of this supplement to the IGA through a Resolution & Order (R&O) at its December 14 meeting. The IGA and R&O are not “land use actions.” The R&O also will include a process leading to adoption of Comprehensive Plan amendments by March 31, 2011. IF the Supplemental IGA is adopted by the County and Metro, the Comprehensive Plan amendments will be considered through a land use ordinance process, which will include notice of hearings and public testimony. Note that Metro Council President Carlotta Collette issued a brief statement on December 7 indicating Metro councilors were not supporting the draft proposal. http://news.oregonmetro.gov/1/post.cfm/statement-from-metro-council-president-carlotta-collette-on-urban-and-rural-reserves.

Adoption of a new reserves ordinance in Washington County would be accompanied by a similar consideration for adoption by Metro to the Regional Framework Plan. Findings supporting both the County’s ordinance and Metro’s decision would then be forwarded to LCDC for their review early next summer.

Although not required as part of the adoption of an Intergovernmental Agreement, the Board agreed to allow up to one hour of testimony at the December 14 meeting. The County’s, Metro’s and LCDC’s subsequent processes will have opportunity for additional public testimony prior to a final decision.

The proposed IGA materials, including maps and staff report are on the website: http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/PlanningProjects/reserves/whats-new.cfm. The map is also included on page 5 of this newsletter. Updates, schedules and background information are also available on the website: www.co.washington.or.us/reserves. For more information contact Mike Dahlstrom, Program Educator, 503 846-8101, mike_dahlstrom@co.washington.or.us.

Neighborhood Watch Advisory Board Training
What types of activities might you get involved in through your Neighborhood Watch group?

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) educate people about disaster preparedness and train them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operation. Come and learn how Neighborhood Watch is related to CERT.

The training will be on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 6:30-8:00PM at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Center, Training Room B, 215 SW Adams Ave, Hillsboro.

For more information or to register for this class, please call 503-846-2774 or email Darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us.
**THPRD Updates and News**

**Hotline provides updated district weather and closure information:** THPRD has a 24-hour inclement weather and emergency closure hotline. During inclement weather, please call our hotline at 503/614-4018 or check our website for an announcement. The district also provides a facility closure policy that outlines when classes and programs may be canceled if conditions warrant.

The phone line and website will be updated whenever new information is received. We also strive to keep the local news media informed whenever weather conditions force a change in our program and activities schedule.

**Winter/spring Activities guide online by December 1st, registration begins January 8th**

The Winter/Spring 2011 Activities Guide is scheduled to be online no later than December 1st at [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org). Printed copies will be available in Park District centers and at several community sites starting December 17th.

The community sites include local libraries (Beaverton, Bethany, Cedar Mill, Murray Scholls and West Slope); Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce; Beaverton City Hall; Washington County Visitors Association; and the Beaverton School District Administration Center.

Winter/spring registration for in-district residents starts Saturday, January 8th at 8 a.m. For the first time ever, online and phone registration will begin at the same time. Registration for out-of-district residents starts January 14th at 8:30 a.m.

**New THPRD park offers views of Beaverton and Mount Hood.** Looking to get above the crowds and the noise this busy holiday season? Check out the Park District's newest park, Matrix Hill Park, which provides a gorgeous view of Beaverton and, on a sunny day, Mount Hood. The park, which just opened to the public, is located on SW Torquoise Loop north of SW Beard Road and west of Murray Boulevard.

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**Calculating the Green in Green: What’s an Urban Tree Worth?**

For urban dwellers, trees soften a city’s hard edges and surfaces, shade homes and streets, enhance neighborhood beauty, filter the air, mitigate storm runoff, and absorb carbon dioxide. Trees may even reduce crime and improve human health. However, these benefits have not been well quantified, making it difficult for urban planners and property owners to weigh their costs and benefits or assess tree cover against competing land uses.

New research from the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Research Station demonstrates that street trees increase home prices in Portland, Oregon, that shade trees reduce household energy use in Sacramento, California, and that these effects can be measured and expressed in dollars.

A study led by economist Geoffrey Donovan, research forester with the PNW Research Station, determined that trees planted on the south and west sides of Sacramento houses reduced summertime electricity bills by an average of $25.16. In a second study in Portland, Donovan’s team found that street trees growing in front of or near a house added an average $8,870 to its sale price and reduced its time on the market by nearly 2 days. These economic benefits spilled over to neighboring properties: a neighborhood tree growing along the public right-of-way added an average of $12,828 to the combined value of all the houses within 100 feet. For more information see [http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/sciencef/scifi126.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/sciencef/scifi126.pdf)

*Excerpted from article by Gail Wells, Science Findings, Issue 126, Sept 2010. Pacific Northwest Research Station, US Department of Agriculture*

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**GO GREEN, SAVE A TREE!** The CPO program coordinators are looking at ways to reduce printing and postage costs and to make the program more sustainable. To do that we need your help by signing up to receive the newsletter electronically. We call this the **CPO NewsAlert**.

It’s simple, just send an email to 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!
Online Shopping

Shopping online offers lots of benefits that you won't find shopping in a store or by mail. The internet is always open — seven days a week, 24 hours a day — and bargains can be numerous online. With a click of a mouse, you can buy an airline ticket, book a hotel, send flowers to a friend, or purchase your favorite fashions. But sizing up your finds on the internet is a little different from checking out items at the mall.

If you're buying items from an online retailer or auction website, OnGuard Online offers this advice to help you make the most of your shopping experience:

- **Know who you're dealing with.** Anyone can set up shop online under almost any name. Confirm the online seller's physical address and phone number in case you have questions or problems. If you get an email or pop-up message while you're browsing that asks for financial information, don't reply or click on the link in the message. Legitimate companies don't ask for this information via email.

- **Know exactly what you're buying.** Read the seller's description of the product closely, especially the fine print. Words like "refurbished," "vintage," or "close-out" may indicate that the product is in less-than-mint condition, while name-brand items with "too good to be true" prices could be counterfeits.

- **Know what it will cost.** Check out websites that offer price comparisons and then, compare "apples to apples." Factor shipping and handling — along with your needs and budget — into the total cost of the order. Do not send cash under any circumstances.

- **Pay by credit or charge card.** If you pay by credit or charge card online, your transaction will be protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. Under this law, you have the right to dispute charges under certain circumstances and temporarily withhold payment while the creditor is investigating them. In the event of unauthorized use of your credit or charge card, you generally would be held liable only for the first $50 in charges. Some companies offer an online shopping guarantee that ensures you will not be held responsible for any unauthorized charges made online, and some cards may provide additional warranty, return, and/or purchase protection benefits.

- **Check out the terms of the deal, like refund policies and delivery dates.** Can you return the item for a full refund if you're not satisfied? If you return it, find out who pays the shipping costs or restocking fees, and when you will receive your order. A Federal Trade Commission (FTC) rule requires sellers to ship items as promised or within 30 days after the order date if no specific date is promised.

- **Keep a paper trail.** Print and save records of your online transactions, including the product description and price, the online receipt, and copies of every email you send or receive from the seller. Read your credit card statements as you receive them and be on the lookout for unauthorized charges.

- **Don't email your financial information.** Email is not a secure method of transmitting financial information like your credit card, checking account, or Social Security number. If you initiate a transaction and want to provide your financial information through an organization's website, look for indicators that the site is secure, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar or a URL for a website that begins "https:" (the "s" stands for "secure"). Unfortunately, no indicator is foolproof; some fraudulent sites have forged security icons.

- **Check the privacy policy.** It should let you know what personal information the website operators are collecting, why, and how they're going to use the information. If you can't find a privacy policy — or if you can't understand it, consider taking your business to another site that's more consumer-friendly.

**How to Report Online Shopping Fraud.** If you have problems during a transaction, try to work them out directly with the seller, buyer or site operator. If that doesn't work, file a complaint with:

- The Oregon Attorney General Consumer Hotline 877-877-9392, or access complaint forms and other information online at [http://www.doj.state.or.us/finfraud/index.shtml](http://www.doj.state.or.us/finfraud/index.shtml)
- The Better Business Bureau.

For more information go to [http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/online-shopping.aspx](http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/online-shopping.aspx)
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.