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To review copies of the Rural/Natural Resources Plan Element, go to http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Division/LongRangePlanning/signat.cfm

Citizen Participation Organization 8
CPO 8 will meet next on Tuesday, September 14th, 2010

CPO 8 WANTS YOU!

The Steering Committee is announcing a leadership change for the 2010-11 program-year. After years of service, Susie Anthony, Pat Wolter, and Henry Oberhelman are stepping down from their current positions. Henry and Pat will continue their functions through November pending new leadership as a result of the September/October elections.

John Driscoll will remain on the Steering Committee and will receive and review the land development applications within CPO 8 boundaries, and report on them at the meetings.

An active CPO 8 in 2011 and beyond depends upon your support and participation. We need people who could take on the following roles for one year:

- Recording Secretary: take minutes during regular CPO 8 meetings and submit them to the OSU Extension Office, after approval by the membership; attend monthly planning meeting.
- CPO 8 Google Group: post information relevant to the interests of CPO 8; not necessary to attend monthly planning meeting.
- Member(s)-at-large: attend monthly Steering Committee meetings to help with planning agendas and/or arranging for speakers.
- Chair: Conduct general and steering committee meetings; represent CPO 8 at monthly Committee for Citizen Involvement meetings; help with agenda planning and implementation.

The Citizen Participation Program is a vital link to staying informed on local and regional issues and is supported by excellent staff at the Washington County branch of Oregon State University Extension Service. But without citizen volunteers, the program cannot continue. Won’t you please consider serving your local community for one year?

Thank you!
Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Outdoor Fun -- Learning about Nature

We’ve got just a few more weeks of summer fun officially on the calendar. Are you looking for some new activities to try, or some places to explore close to home? Reach for ‘Green Scene’ on the Metro website to help set you on your way. (www.oregonmetro.gov, Search ‘Green Scene’. Hard copies are also available at local libraries.) I did, and I had a great time! Looking for a short, easy, no more than a half day experience in the woods for a summer Saturday, I recently participated in a Nature Walk on the Chehalem Ridge, on land Metro recently acquired.

On this Nature Walk tour, I learned that elderberries are noxious to humans if eaten uncooked, that oyster mushrooms like alder wood, that beavers will make burrows in hillsides, and that millipedes eat ‘duff’ as it is called, that layer of needles and decaying matter on the forest floor. That clever nature! My unpracticed ears could even differentiate various bird songs. On the other hand, holding the Harpaphe Millipede for viewing by my fellow tour-mates was not high on my list of favorite experiences – that poor little 2 inch long, tickling millipede! Despite my years of outdoors experience, camping, hiking, and climbing mountains, I just can’t seem to enjoy touching bugs – but I continue to learn more about them and their role in our ecosystem and now I have a new story to tell as your Metro Councilor.

There were about 15 people on the walk, along with our guide, and we enjoyed terrific views from the ridge on a day of glorious weather. It was a delightful experience, which I would recommend to anyone. So yes, despite the bugs, I will seek out other new personal experiences using Green Scene, and I hope you will too.

SOLV Update, July 2010

Projects needed for SOLV beach and riverside cleanup: This fall, the SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup will include projects along beaches, rivers, creeks, and other waterways throughout Oregon. Volunteers will work to improve the quality of water that we all use for drinking, recreation, agriculture and more. Projects will take place on Saturday, September 25th. The project application and more information is found here. http://www.solv.org/programs/fall_beach_cleanup.asp

The SOLV Beach and Riverside Cleanup is presented by the Oregon Lottery.

What vision do you have for your community? Project Oregon supports individuals, groups, students, and teachers in organizing successful and sustainable projects which involve clean up of litter or debris, invasive plant removal, native tree and shrub planting, or the monitoring and maintenance of restoration sites. These projects can occur throughout Oregon anytime of the year. SOLV provides all projects with free project supplies and support (such as liability insurance, technical assistance and volunteer recruitment).

Take the plunge! Oregon Adopt-A-River, a partnership between SOLV and the Oregon State Marine Board, supports individuals and organizations in cleaning and preserving their favorite stretch of waterway (river, lake or stream) anywhere in the state of Oregon. Volunteers adopt a minimum of two miles of waterway and do cleanup events at least two times a year for two years. Your events can be as large or small as you like. SOLV provides all projects with free project supplies and support (such as liability insurance, technical assistance and volunteer recruitment).

For information & Application: go to http://www.solv.org/programs/oregon_adopt_a_river.asp or contact Quintin Bauer, quintin@solv.org, 503-844-9571x321 or 1-800-333-SOLV (7658) x321
# LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

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<td>Sunset Transformers Inc. 32480 NW Shipley Rd North Plains 97133</td>
<td>Preliminary review of a request for marginal lands designation.</td>
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<td>1000088</td>
<td>Carol Goeden 16333 Old Pumpkin Ridge Rd North Plains 97133</td>
<td>Preliminary review of a three parcel partition and two new dwellings pursuant to 49CL0461, “Goeden partition, north parcel”.</td>
<td>Application received. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000093</td>
<td>Paul Lee 10683 N. Valley Vista Rd. Hillsboro 97124</td>
<td>Plan amendment to remove the exclusive farm use district (EFU) plan designation and designate the parcels agriculture and forestry 5 acre district (AF-5) requires exceptions to statewide planning goals 3 (agricultural lands) and 14 (urbanization).</td>
<td>Denied 7/6/10.</td>
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<td>1000105</td>
<td>Ardell Goeden Old Pumpkin Ridge Rd.</td>
<td>Request for a replacement dwelling and a three parcel partition and two new dwellings pursuant to Measure 49 claim number 49CL0461.</td>
<td>Application received. Status is pending.</td>
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<td>1000119</td>
<td>Anna Middleton NW Valley Vista Rd. Hillsboro 97124</td>
<td>49CL0373-approve for a dwelling pursuant to measure 49 claim #49CL0373.</td>
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<td>1000132</td>
<td>Tony and Cheryl Pappas 29825 NW Scotch Church Rd. Hillsboro 97124</td>
<td>Review for renewal of a temporary health hardship dwelling.</td>
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<td>1000196</td>
<td>Stuart and Melinda Wilson 12960 NW Dick Rd Hillsboro 97124</td>
<td>Special use approval and development review for a winery, garden vineyards.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period 7/1/10 to 7/15/10.</td>
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<td>1000212</td>
<td>Phillip Renyer 26850 NW Dorland Rd North Plains 97133</td>
<td>Request for marginal lands designation to allow the construction of one, single-family dwelling.</td>
<td>Application received. Public comment period 7/20/10 to 8/3/10.</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.

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


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**Google Group Invitation**

"The CPO 8 Google Group is an online discussion group on issues of interest in our area. Postings to the group have included updates on land development activity and the reserves planning process, minutes of CPO8 monthly meetings, and notices of area events.

If you would like to join, please send an email to cpo8.info@gmail.com asking to be added to the CPO8 Google Group."
US 26 (Sunset Highway) Dennis L. Edwards Tunnel Project

ODOT is in the design phase of the U.S. 26 Dennis Edwards Tunnel project, located 27 miles west of Portland. The tunnel, built in 1941, needs lining, drainage and lighting improvements due to its age. ODOT asked the public whether the vertical clearance of the tunnel should also be increased to improve freight mobility as part of this project. After a series of public meetings and a strong, consistent outpouring of citizen input against this proposal, ODOT decided to no longer consider the vertical clearance option.

ODOT recently completed a constructability review of the project, and found that relining and lighting improvements must be done next year. This work will require tunnel closures, but to minimize impacts to the coast during tourist season, no closures will take place during the summer months or spring break. It is also planned that tunnel closures will only take place during weeknight hours for approximately 12 weeks. The tunnel will be open during the day and on weekends. Work is expected to take place early 2011.

For more information, please go to [http://www.dennisedwardstunnel.org/](http://www.dennisedwardstunnel.org/) or call Lili Boicourt, 503-731-8247.

Small Acreage Weed Removal

*An evening field tour Thursday, August 5, 2010, 6-8 pm*

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, in partnership with Skyline Ridge Neighbors, is holding a gathering, Thursday, August 5th from 6-8:00 p.m. at the home of Miles & Libby Merwin, 13950 NW Skyline Boulevard, Portland, 97231.

You'll be able to see a variety of methods to control noxious weeds, including mechanical (with lawn mowers or weed-wackers) and also the safe and appropriate use of herbicides for weed control. The Merwin property offers a unique opportunity to see sites where weeds have already been controlled next to sites where they haven't. You'll hear from the Merwin's and West Multnomah SWCD's Forest Conservationist, Michael Ahr, as well as a certified pesticide applicator who'll talk about sprayer calibration, safety, and herbicide specifics.

Come out for this great, educational event and meet your neighbors who also battle invasive weeds on their woodlands, pastures, and other rural properties.

For more information, call Michael Ahr at 503/238-4775, ext. 109 or [michael@wmswcd.org](mailto:michael@wmswcd.org).

Please register ahead of time at the provided link so we know how many attendees to expect: [http://www.wmswcd.org/content.cfm/Events/Small-Acreage-Weed-Removal-An-evening-field-tour](http://www.wmswcd.org/content.cfm/Events/Small-Acreage-Weed-Removal-An-evening-field-tour)

Washington County Roads

For an update on road construction and closures in Washington County, please go to [http://www.we-roads.com/](http://www.we-roads.com/). This website lists road closures, ways to get involved, maps and links to the Washington County Land Use and Transportation Department and other road agencies.

If you would like subscribe to receive electronic updates about the Cornelius Pass Road project go to the project website [http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TransportationProjects/cornelius-pass-rd-baseline-to-aloclek-dr.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TransportationProjects/cornelius-pass-rd-baseline-to-aloclek-dr.cfm) and hit the esubscriptions link.

To subscribe to receive a weekly update, go to [http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions/](http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions/)
Hillsboro News, August 2010

- Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, in conjunction with the Washington County Fire Defense Board Chief and the Oregon Department of Forestry has issued a ban on burning. The ban went into effect July 15 and will remain in effect until further notice. Residents who violate the burn ban are subject to fines. For more information, call 503-681-6204.

- Brown Bag at the Plaza—noon-time summer concert series at the Tom Hughes Civic Center Plaza. This free, noon-time musical series is held on Wednesday through August 26th. Bring your brown bag lunch or pick up a lunch to-go at one of our downtown restaurants. Tables, chairs and umbrellas provided.

- August 5 (Thursday) -- College Admissions: Winning Strategies. The college selection process can be overwhelming—when to start, how to find the right school, what grades, tests, and scores are required, how does financial aid work? Lisa Unsworth helps guide high school students and families along the path to college entrance. At 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Lisa will present information to help you better understand the process, navigate the potentially rough waters ahead and find the best fit for students and parents.

What is it Like to Experience a Home Energy Review?

You may have seen the recent article in your newsletter encouraging you to welcome Energy Trust of Oregon (Conservation Services Group) staff into your home to offer a Home Energy Review and/or Solar Review at no cost. I have known that my home needed attention, so decided to set a good example and welcome Energy Advisors for a visit.

Oregon Energy Trust provides technical assistance and financial incentives for energy equipment that meets their criteria. They do not sell, guarantee, or install any equipment.

Our Solar Review was scheduled first and was most interesting. The Energy Advisor was scheduled to arrive at 8:30 and was exactly on time. Unlike many home repair visits, Energy Trust will schedule an exact time when they will arrive. They provide a postcard in the mail confirming the date and time of the appointment, and remind you to have recent electric and gas utility statements handy for their review.

The first thing we discussed was our average utility usage in order to determine whether a solar approach might be a good option. Then we looked at the water heater, the attic, and of course the roof. Kendall Hanson, our Advisor, determined the correct system size for our property and provided an estimate of system costs including potential incentives and tax credits. Kendall gave us compact fluorescent light bulbs and an efficient shower head to install. We received a list of solar contractors to interview and now at least know what options are available for our property. The challenge will be deciding if the investment makes sense, fits with our values, and is affordable.

On a different day we experienced a Home Energy Review with Daniel Wegner, Energy Advisor. He also arrived exactly on time and reviewed recent utility accounts. He tested the temperature of our hot water, looked in the attic and crawl space, checked for air leaks, and made some suggestions to improve weatherization. He also provided a listing of contractors for our consideration. We plan to use the information he provided to add insulation and hope to benefit from Energy Trust cash incentives.

Both advisors were very professional and both shared information in an efficient and understandable manner. I am most grateful for their service and appreciate the Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc. for the free educational opportunity. If you haven’t scheduled your Free Energy Review, they can be reached at 1.866.368.7878 or www.energytrust.org.

-Linda Gray
Share the Road Safely With Farm Equipment

Summer is harvest time in rural Washington County, and large slow-moving tractors and farm equipment traveling along the roadway are a common sight. Over half of the 1,271 miles of roads maintained by Washington County’s Department of Land Use and Transportation are in a rural setting. Scenic two-lane roads wind through farms, forests, nurseries and vineyards. Due to population growth, more high-speed traffic now travels on roads not designed for that kind of traffic. It is legal for farmers to drive their equipment on public roads, and both farmers and other roadway users must take proper precautions to share the roadways, for their own safety and the safety of others. Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions.

How can you recognize farm vehicles? According to the Oregon Drivers Manual, farm machinery and equipment that travels at 25 mph or less must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear when traveling on public roads. As a motorist, you must be prepared to slow down when you see this triangular sign with a red reflectorized border and a fluorescent orange-red center. Some farm vehicles may also display flashing yellow lights.

They're so big and slow, how could you possibly rear-end a farm vehicle? Consider this: A car traveling 55 mph requires about 224 feet to stop on dry pavement, assuming average reaction time and braking. A car traveling 55 mph can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 mph in about five seconds. If you do not begin to slow as soon as you see a farm vehicle, you might not have time to avoid a collision.

Many accidents occur when a slow-moving farm vehicle is turning left. Although a tractor may appear to be stopping beside the road or turning right, it might actually be turning left. The farmer is swinging wide to line up with a gate or driveway; the driver behind the farmer may think the farmer is pulling over to let the driver pass. Look for gates, driveways or access roads on the left side of the road that may indicate a left turn.

How and when is it safe to pass farm equipment? It is illegal and very dangerous to pass farm equipment in a no passing zone. Pass only when the road ahead is clear and there is either a dashed yellow line on your side of the road or a dashed white line. And when passing, be extra cautious. Tractors and other farm equipment may be wider than they look from behind and may require ample space in both lanes.

ODOT’s Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit reports that in the five-year period from 2004 through 2008, Oregon experienced 219 crashes involving farm equipment; 157 people were injured and 17 people died. Seventeen of those crashes and one death occurred on Washington County’s roads. Over half of Washington County’s crashes were rear-end or side-swipe crashes, with another third occurred during turning movements. Most crashes took place on a weekday, during the day, on dry pavement. The most frequent day of the week for crashes involving farm equipment in Washington County was Wednesday.

The keys to safety when sharing the road with farm equipment are caution and patience. A farmer understands that your trip is being delayed, so he or she will pull off the road at the first available safe location to allow you to pass.

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2010 Levy Speaker Request

On behalf of all members of the Washington County Public Safety system, your Sheriff's Office will coordinate levy speakers for your community group. Our goal is to provide two speakers for each event that represent different functions of the criminal justice system, such as a Sheriff's Office member teamed with a Judge, Deputy District Attorney, or personnel from the Community Corrections Center, an emergency shelter, or the Juvenile Department.

Click here to request a speaker now! [http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/levy_speaker_request.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/levy_speaker_request.cfm)
Washington County 2010 Land Use Ordinances Update

Provided below is a list of land use ordinances from 2010. Official communications on ordinances must be received in writing or through oral or written testimony at hearings. NOTE: Washington County is unable to accept e-mail as public testimony.

Click here [http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/2010-land-use-ordinances.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/2010-land-use-ordinances.cfm) for information on faxing testimony and a form you can use.

The Ordinances on this page may be downloaded as Adobe PDF files. Adobe PDF files require that your computer have the Adobe Acrobat Reader. This Reader is available from Adobe's site for free download. Please click here to download [http://get.adobe.com/reader/](http://get.adobe.com/reader/)

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<td>730</td>
<td>Ordinance 730 will be posted by July 30.</td>
<td>August 11, 2010</td>
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<td>733</td>
<td>Ordinance No. 733 proposes to amend the Rural/Natural Resource Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan to adopt urban reserves and designate rural reserves pursuant to ORS 195.137-145 and OAR 660 Division 27. This ordinance adds a new Plan Policy (Policy 29) to the Rural/Natural Resource Plan that includes implementing strategies for urban and rural reserves. <strong>Ordinance 733 was engrossed (amended).</strong></td>
<td>April 21, 2010 7:30 pm  Go the website above for the staff report.</td>
<td>Approved: 6/15/10  Effective: 7/15/2010</td>
<td>Long Range Planning Division, Stephen Shane (503) 846-3717</td>
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<td>734</td>
<td>Ordinance No. 734 proposes to grant a one-year extension of all preliminary land use approvals and all final approvals of subdivisions, partitions, and property line adjustments that are set to expire between the effective date of this ordinance and one year from that date. The purpose of this ordinance is to address the unprecedented downturn in the real estate market and the credit crisis.</td>
<td>June 16, 2010, 7:30 pm</td>
<td>Approved: 7/6/10  Effective: 8/5/10</td>
<td>Long Range Planning Division, Joy Chang 503-846-3873</td>
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<td>735</td>
<td>Ordinance No. 735 proposes to amend Sections 106 and 414 of the Community Development Code relating to Signs. The proposed amendments are made to be consistent with Article I, Section 8 of the Oregon Constitution that prohibits regulation of signs based on content.</td>
<td>July 7, 2010, 1:30pm.</td>
<td>Approved: 7/20/10  Effective: 8/20/10.</td>
<td>Long Range Planning Division, Joy Chang, 503-846-3873</td>
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For more information about land use ordinances, contact the division at:
155 N. First Avenue, Suite 350
Hillsboro, OR 97124
503-846-3519 Telephone, 503-846-4412 Facsimile,
E-Mail questions to: lutplan@co.washington.or.us

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**Metro Nature in Neighborhoods eNewsletter**

*Nature-friendly happenings and learning opportunities around the region*

The eNewsletter allows you to learn about nature-friendly news, activities, learning opportunities, ideas, resources and updates around the region. Nature in Neighborhoods' eNewsletter contains useful, timely information about nature-friendly, low impact development practices and related opportunities that protect our natural assets as we grow by reducing the impact of development on natural resources.

For more information and to sign up for the Nature in Neighborhoods eNewsletter, please go to [http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=32034](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=32034)
Water-Wise Gardening

Why waste the rain? Instead, put it to good use in your yard during all but the driest months with tips from Oregon State University horticulturist Weston Miller. Learn great ways for saving time, money and the health of your garden plants through water conservation. Get the latest on choosing water-wise plants, mulching, irrigating efficiently, planting rain gardens and more.

Saturday, August 14, 2010, 10:00am to 11:30am to be held at the Washington County Fair Complex, Demonstration Garden, 882 NE 28th Ave, Hillsboro. Use Clover Leaf entrance at west end of the fairgrounds.

There will be complimentary coupons and publications for all participants. Advanced registration is encouraged; drop-ins are welcome if space is available. To register, call 503-234-3000.

Hosted by Metro, OSU Extension Service Community and Urban Horticulture, Washington County Fair Complex Demonstration Garden

To learn more about natural gardening, please go to http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=24309