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

Citizen Participation Organization 8

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

7:00 p.m.

North Plains Fire Station

31370 N.W. Commercial, North Plains

AGENDA

7:00 Welcome and Introductions

Appoint meeting secretary – Linda Peters, Chair
Public Safety Reports – Sheriff's Deputy; Fire District 2
Minutes

7:15 Program: "Century Farm" by film maker Melissa Gregory Rue

The Gates Family, a 4th generation farming family in CPO 8, reflects on their past and confronts the threat of urban encroachment.

8:00 Break for Refreshments

8:10 Reports and Updates

Aviation Activities – Henry Oberhelman
Last HAIR meeting reports and aspects of interest
Airport Overlay Zones and future activities by the City of Hillsboro
Development Applications – John Driscoll
Soil Fill Activities – Pat Wolter
UGB and Urban Reserves – Cherry Amibisca

8:40 New Business and Announcements

9:00 Adjourn

SPECIAL NOTE

The Steering Committee and members of CPO 8 express their deepest appreciation and **best wishes to Linda Gray, OSU Extension Agent, upon her retirement.** Linda has thoughtfully and skillfully advised our CPO since 1987. Without her support and expertise we would not have been able to build our highly successful network of involved citizens. Thank you, Linda, and "Happy trails!"

Having Fun, Exploring and Planting at a Natural Area

Imagine this... It was an early, chilly, rainy Saturday morning in November. Did I really want to get out of bed this early to join in a natural areas restoration effort in the rain? It took a little mental coaxing to leave the dry warmth of home but I'm sure glad I did!

Two voter approved bond measures have thus far preserved 11,000 acres, ninety miles of river and stream banks, and supported hundreds of community projects in and around our region. Metro and community partners have a variety of done-in-a-day and ongoing restoration projects available at parks and natural areas across the region, suitable for groups of all sizes and ages. Together, we're protecting water quality, wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations.

On that early November morning, I joined 15 other adults and children in an effort sponsored by the Tualatin Riverkeepers (www.TualatinRiverKeepers.org). Not far from my Beaverton area home, we worked on a Metro-owned property to help plant a natural area along the Tualatin River. As one of my fellow planting volunteers put it, "I thought I'd participate to just help out, but I've learned so much!" We planted 1000 camas bulbs, a native plant that has a lovely flower when it blooms in the spring. They were small bulbs about the size of your fingernail. Along with my 15 volunteer-mates, we planted those two small lunch-sized sacks of bulbs in no time. We also spread two types of native grasses, seeding two different areas of the property, one open and one wooded. Along the way, we heard from the property manager about the science of the area and how it has changed with restoration efforts over the last few years, providing a healthier flood plain for the Tualatin River, and plant life to sustain bugs, red-legged frogs, birds and more. We got to explore the property, the handsome oak tree, discovered mushrooms, wasp "oak apples" and deer too. All that in less than two hours, plus a little travel time. Fall, winter and wet spring months are the best times for these restoration planting efforts, hence the November project. But it was more than a feel-good, help-nature program.

When I turn on my faucet at home, I receive drinking water that had originally flowed from a reservoir to the treatment plant via the Tualatin River. When I flush my toilet, after that sewage is treated, the clean water flows into the Tualatin River. When it rains, storm water flows from our neighborhoods and sidewalks into creeks throughout Washington County which ultimately flow into the Tualatin River. No doubt about it, the Tualatin River can't get away from feeling the impact of us urban folk. Our livelihood depends on the health of the river; and the health of the river and the wildlife that rely upon it, depend on us. Restoration planting efforts in natural areas help restore floodplains that clean our water, and offer habitat to wildlife that depend on the river. Restoration efforts all over Washington County and are connected to the health of the Tualatin River. I know my efforts that morning helped.

No matter your motivation, why not join in the restoration efforts? It's fun, it's educational and it just plain makes you feel good. The butterflies, bugs, birds and frogs will be happy you did! Check it out at www.oregonmetro.gov/naturalareas and www.oregonmetro.gov/volunteer.

Kathryn Harrington, Metro Councilor, District 4

Metro Council completes urban growth decision. On October 21 the Metro Council voted 6-0 to add 1985 acres to the region's urban growth boundary for future housing and jobs. (Councilor Rex Burkholder was excused.) This represents less than a one-percent expansion of the region's urban footprint to accommodate thousands of additional households and workers over the next 20 years. To find out more visit: <http://news.oregonmetro.gov/5/post.cfm/metro-council-completes-urban-growth-decision>.

Learn more about what your property taxes pay for at Metro. Property taxes support essential services provided by schools, counties, cities, special districts and other local governments, including Metro, but property tax statements don't provide detailed information about what tax money to a particular government gets spent on. To better illustrate how revenues from property taxes are spent at Metro, the agency maintains a website to describe exactly how Metro assesses property taxes and what the money pays for. Learn more here: <http://news.oregonmetro.gov/5/post.cfm/learn-more-about-what-your-property-taxes-pay-for-at-metro>.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Casefile	Applicant/Location	Proposed Action	Status
1000375 Type II EFC	Darrell Sheets 26565 NW Dorland Rd North Plains 97133	Preliminary plat review for a two parcel partition and a property line adjustment to legalize the existing dwelling on Taxlot 6402 pursuant to Measure 49 claim #49CL0434.	Hold
1100180 Type II EFC	Lifeworks NC 25553 NW Dairy Creek Rd North Plains 97133	Determination of commencement of development (for expansion of a non-conforming use as approved via casefile 03-019-NC).	Approved.
1100209 Type II EFU	Virginia Steele 3285 NW Susbauer Rd Cornelius 97113	Accessory dwelling customarily provided in conjunction with farm use.	Application received. Status is pending.
1100232 Type II AF5	City of Hillsboro 30575 NW Evergreen Rd. Hillsboro OR, 97124	Special use & development review for a utility facility (water reservoir tank) & property line adjustment	Application received. Status is pending.
1100322 Type II AF20	Terence Healy 1615 NW Cavens Lane Hillsboro 97124	Extension request of a development review for a processing facility (blueberry distillery) in an existing structure.	Application received. Awaiting public notice.

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.
<http://washims.co.washington.or.us/GIS/index.cfm?id=31> Tel: 503-846-8761 Fax: 503-846-2908.

CPO 8 Land Use materials are available for you to review at the North Plains library.

North Plains Library News, December 2011

First Friday Flick. Free family movie nights occur on the first Friday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. at the Library. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Storytime. Children ages 0-6 are invited to join us for Storytime every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the children's section of the Library. On December 7, special Storytime guest Miss Marion will present Mother Goose Rhyme Time. On December 21, everyone is invited to meet Santa Claus and listen to him read *The Night Before Christmas* and other holiday stories.

Friends of the Library Meeting. Friends members will meet on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. New members are welcome to attend.

Holiday Closures. The Library will be closed on December 25 and 26 and on January 1 and 2.

Library Book Club. On Wednesday, December 28 at 6:30 p.m. Book Club participants will share a pot luck dinner at the Library while discussing book ideas and making selections for the coming year. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information you may contact Carolyn Leavitt at 503-647-0353.

Craft Night. Bring your handicraft projects to the Library on Thursday, December 29 from 5:30-8 p.m. Meet new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy the camaraderie. Craft items are sold at community events throughout the year in order to raise funds for Library materials and programs.

Library Information. The Library is located at 31334 NW Commercial Street. Regular open hours are Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call 503-647-5051 or visit our website at www.nplib.org. You can also find us on Facebook!

Help County Aging and Veterans Services Prepare for Baby Boomers

There is still time for the community to voice their opinions and have them included in Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services' next strategic plan. The new strategic plan will be for 3 years beginning in 2012 through 2014. DAVS is interested in the opinions of Washington County residents about retirement and what services and activities they need and want as they grow older. A survey is available through December 31, 2011. To access the survey, go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CVL58YN>

"Our society has never experienced a time when so many people are living to advanced ages. Right now, more than 25 percent of Washington County residents are over the age of 50. Planning for such a large group of individuals is challenging for agencies like DAVS charged with developing services to meet the needs of older people as well as veterans and those with disabilities. We need the community's help to make sure we are on the right track in planning for current and future needs," states Chris Larson who is serving as the contract facilitator.

The 3-year plan will address the needs and the gaps in services for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. Anyone interested in taking the survey is invited to complete it online or if you would like a paper copy of the survey, please contact Janet Long at (503-846-3081) or E-mail to: janet_long@co.washington.or.us.



December, 2011

- The Hillsboro Police Department is looking for students ages 12 – 17 to serve on the Hillsboro Youth Peer Court. The Hillsboro Peer Court is a diversion program or an alternative to the Juvenile Department for juveniles in Washington County who have been cited by law enforcement authorities. In order to participate, the youth offenders have admitted their guilt; their “sentence,” however, is determined by a jury of their peers. The peer court meets the second, third and fourth Tuesday of every month from 4:30 – 9:00 pm at Municipal Court located on the first floor of the Civic Center. For more information about this program, please call Ben Romero at 503-615-6797 or 503-681-5336 or email at benrom@ci.hillsboro.or.us.
- The holiday season in historic downtown Hillsboro will kick off on December 3rd
- Candle usage has risen in popularity as have fires from candles that have been left unattended. If you will use candles during the holidays, use them safely. Do not use candles in decorations or displays; the open flames from these candles can ignite the materials in those decorations and displays. If you do use candles, be sure to use the following safety tips:
 1. Place candles securely in non-tip candle holders.
 2. Keep candles out of the reach of children.
 3. Keep candles well away from trees, decorations, curtains and other items that burn.
 4. Never put candles near windows or exits.
 5. Always blow candles out before you leave the room or go to sleep.
- **HOLD THE DATE:** The Mayor’s annual State of the City presentation is scheduled for January 19th at the Cultural Arts Center. Everyone is invited.

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!



Permanent Drug Drop Box at Your Sheriff's Office

Last month, your Sheriff's Crime Prevention teamed with narcotics investigators and the DEA to bring a Prescription Drug Turn-In Event to Aloha. You responded and we collected 302 pounds of unneeded pills in just one morning - nice work!

Cleaning out unneeded medications, especially prescription painkillers, is one of the easiest ways to help prevent prescription drug abuse among teens who do not realize how addictive opiates and many other drugs can be.

And now we have a year-round solution! Thanks to funding from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, your Sheriff's Office has installed a permanent Drug Take Back Drop Box in our lobby in Hillsboro!



Citizens can turn in prescription medications and samples, all over-the-counter medications, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments, and liquid medication in leak-proof containers. This part of our lobby is open from 8:00 am to 9:30 pm daily. HIDTA also provided drug drop boxes at the Beaverton and Sherwood Police Departments, so you can visit the site that is most convenient. Thanks for helping to keep our community safe!

Sheriff's Office News, (Vol_7 Issue_11-November, 2011)

Parents Urged to Get Newborn Hearing Screenings

Washington County Department of Health and Human Services- Public Health Division, in partnership with the Oregon Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program, is offering no-cost infant hearing screening for infants who did not receive a newborn hearing screen. Permanent hearing loss is the most common birth defect, and it is difficult to identify without screening. In Oregon, only large hospitals are required to screen for hearing loss; infants born in smaller hospitals or non-hospital settings may not be regularly screened.

“This is prevention at its best,” said Dr. Jennifer Vines, Deputy Health Officer for Washington County, “because it is simple, non-invasive, and helps to ensure children are identified early as needing extra support.” Before newborn hearing screening programs, children with hearing loss often were identified too late and would graduate from high school with low reading and language levels. Hearing is essential to child development – for language acquisition, speech, social-emotional development and learning. With early detection, children with hearing loss can reach the same milestones as their hearing peers.

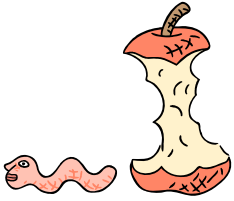
Screening takes less than ten minutes to complete. It is the first step to see if a baby may need additional hearing testing. If your infant did not receive a newborn hearing screen, contact Nena Newsom, Washington County Public Health, at 503-846-4872, to schedule an appointment.



Inclement Weather and CPO Meetings

CPO meetings will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather when driving conditions may be hazardous. Our decisions will match those of PCC which generally posts cancellations of evening events/classes after 3 pm. to the PCC homepage: www.pcc.edu . An alert will be displayed in red near the top of the page. Depending upon your browser's settings, you may need to refresh the page periodically to see the most up to date information.

If your CPO is scheduled to meet and the weather is bad, check the PCC website. If you see the red alert band at the top of the page, this means your CPO meeting is cancelled. If additional information is available, the alert may include links to other documents. The PCC operator voice recording will be updated to include closure notifications. This recording can be reached at (503) 244-6111, or toll free at 1-866-922-1010. We will also have a recording at the CPO Program telephone number (503) 821-1128.



Build a Compost Worm Bin to Enrich Soil and Recycle Waste

Although compost worm bins and their "red wiggly" worms are known for their ability to turn worm castings into rich compost, in the process they also recycle food waste otherwise destined for the landfill.

A new 13-page booklet by the Oregon State University Extension Service gives detailed instructions on how to compost with worms in a process called "vermicomposting." Written by Sam Angima, an OSU Extension agriculture faculty member, and OSU Master Gardeners Michael and Sally Noack, the guide also tells how to make a vermicompost bin.

The booklet is online at <http://bit.ly/OSUESem9034> and is free of charge.

"Food waste makes up about 20 percent (by weight) of landfill materials," Angima said. "When the food decomposes, it makes methane, a greenhouse gas about 20 times more potent than carbon monoxide as a gas that warms the atmosphere."

Vermicomposting is an easy process compared to conventional composting methods, which need complex ratios of materials and to be turned frequently, Angima said. "Worm compost bins are ideal for people who don't have a place for a regular compost bin, and the bins keep well indoors without odor if well-tended."

What do you feed a "wiggly worm?" These worms have amazing powers of digestion and will consume just about any organic matter such as fruit and vegetable scraps, pulverized eggshells and coffee grounds, Angima said. "Earthworms, however, will not survive in the environment of an indoor worm bin," Angima said.

After three to six months, the mixture of worm castings and decomposed organic matter looks like crumbly chocolate cake and smells earthy and fresh, Angima said. You can use it blended with potting or garden soil or as fertilizer and soil amendment for house plants. Vermicompost adds beneficial bacteria, fungi and protozoa to the soil, as well as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium and magnesium.

The OSU booklet illustrates how to build a bin and add bedding and where to buy worms. Most homemade worm bins are refurbished plastic totes, but wooden bins and commercial stackable towers also are popular. "Worms are very sensitive to light; be sure if you use a plastic container that it's opaque, has a lid and is well-vented, as worms need oxygen to survive," Angima said.

Reduce Waste, Save Natural Resources And Energy, and Prevent Pollution It's Easy! Recycle At Work

The Recycle at Work program provides free, customized assistance to all types of businesses throughout the Portland metro area. Our Business Recycling Specialists can help you:

- Identify items that can be recycled at work
- Find a hauler to provide recycling services
- Form a "green team" to lead recycling efforts
- Train your employees and custodial staff
- Promote sustainability with tips for waste reduction
- Earn recognition for your recycling success
- Get information on sustainable purchasing



To learn more about how to recycle in your workplace, call 503-846-8609 or go to www.WashingtonCountyRecycles.org



Is There a Century Farm Near You?

The Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program honors families with century-long connections to the land and recognizes Oregon's rich agricultural heritage. Those families who dedicated their lives to farm management and worked the same land for at least 100 years have left a legacy that is honored by the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation in Salem. The Foundation is supported in part by the Oregon Farm Bureau, the State Historic Preservation Department, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Historical Society, and the Oregon Travel Information Council.

There are at least 17 Century Farms in Washington County. If your farm or a neighbor's might be a candidate, please visit www.oregonfb.org to review application guidelines or for more information you may contact Sharon Leighty at 541.408.5060 or email: cfr@oregonfb.org.

Join OSU Master Gardeners at the Following Programs:

Tuesday, December 6, 2011. "Seed Quality" by Chip Bubl, Columbia County Extension Agent will cover genetic, physical & environmental factors affecting seed quality and best practices for assuring good seed quality for home garden use.

Tuesday, January 3, 2012. "Vegetables in Bloom" by Alice Doyle of Log House Plants will present the latest on growing grafted veggies, including the Mighty Mato and hardworking vegetables that don't quit even when the weather won't cooperate.

Meeting location & day: First Baptist Church 5755 SW Erickson Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005, located between Farmington Rd. & Allen Blvd. The first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:45 pm.

For more information go to the chapter Website: <http://www.washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/>.



Public Affairs Forum

Time: Mondays 11:15 am - 1 pm except on major holidays.

Location: Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Dr, Hillsboro 97124, 503-617-7614

For a map go to: <http://washingtoncountyforum.org/time-place>.

You are welcome and encouraged to attend.

December 5, 2011

Topic: The economic impact of Intel.

Speaker: Bill MacKenzie, Communications Manager for Intel.

December 12, 2011

Topic: Holiday Music.

First singers: Sunset Madrigals, an elite group of 16 mostly seniors singers.

Second singers: The Elmonica Singing Sensations, a group of 12 elementary school students.



For last minute updates and additional information about the forum, visit: www.washingtoncountyforum.org



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Oregon Small Farm News

Oregon State University Extension Faculty invite you to subscribe to the free online newsletter that concentrates on both commercial small farm entrepreneurs as well as non-commercial small acreage landowners. The focus embraces organic/biological and conventional farming systems and emphasizes three areas:

1. Small acreage stewardship – addressing enterprises, land management and soil and water quality
2. Commercial small farms- high value horticulture, livestock, poultry, and alternative crop production emphasizing organic and niche production
3. Community food systems – alternative and specialty marketing and farm direct marketing channels

The current issue covers the following topics:

- Oregon State University Small Farms Program and Organic Growers Club Sponsor visit by the Generation Organic™ Who’s Your Farmer? Tour
- Young Farmer Brings New Life to Family Farm
- Using Heat Units to Schedule Vegetable Plantings, Predict Harvest Dates and Manage Crops
- Rogue Farm Corps Trains Future Farmers
- Farm Profile: Fort Vannoy, Grants Pass
- Johne’s Disease: Don’t Bring Home More Than You Bargained For
- Farm Production Practices for Safe Foods: Good Agricultural Practices
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Finds Endangered Species Act Protection for Franklin’s Bumble Bee May Be Warranted
- Calendar



Look over the newsletters at <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/> and consider subscribing to this free and interesting publication.