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Featured Business

Lee Davies Real Estate

by Virginia Bruce

Lee Davies, one of the more prominent real estate agents in our area, is a local boy. He grew up in the area attending Ridgewood Elementary in Cedar Hills and Bethany Elementary in the Rock Creek area, and now lives in Bauer Crest Estates. He has been working in real estate for 22 years, and selling homes in this area since graduating from University of Oregon in 1986 with a degree in Psychology.

He attributes his success partially to three great mentors that he has worked for. He started out working for his father, Bob Davies, who owned the Bill Snyder Company. He says that his dad was a tough task master, who taught him to value integrity and hard work.



In 1989 he went to work for Barbara Sue Seal. He was among the "Company Top 15" from 1990-1995 and was also a Five Year Diamond Producer as part of the Forest Heights Sales Team. He says that Seal encouraged him to develop "guts and enthusiasm" and a go-for-it attitude.

From 1995-2007 he worked for The Hasson Company Realtors. When he joined the company, they had no institutional marketing program, so he created and ran their marketing department from 1996-1999, and ran the Peterkort branch, becoming a Principal Broker in

1996. From Mike Hasson, he says that he learned that the important thing is not how much business you do, but how you do it.

But Lee Davies is an entrepreneurial man, and in 2007 he broke away from The Hasson Company and founded Lee Davies Real Estate, located in a beautiful building on Barnes Road across from St. Vincent's Medical Center. He explains, "I had successfully branded my name in the 97229 zip code, yet at the same time I was marketing the Hasson Company. Many of my colleagues at Hasson were benefitting from my efforts, and while we were at the same company, we were and still are competitors. In addition, the team I had assembled felt that we were limited as to how we could grow our own brand within the company."

He continues, "The ironic inspiration to our leap to independence came as I drove up Barnes Road two and a half years ago and noticed that this building was for sale. I had always admired it, and saw it as the perfect landmark property to start our own business."

14 people work in the office, including four staff support people, eight brokers, and a loan officer from NW Mortgage Group and an Escrow Closer from Lawyers' Title. The company focuses on residential real estate. Davies says, "We are a full service boutique brokerage company specializing in the West Portland market place. We offer an aggressive marketing program and pride ourselves on exceptional representation of our clients."

If you're buying a home, you'll be working with an acquisition

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, March 10, 11:45 am-1 pm

Place: Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Topic: Protecting Your Business from Fraud

Speaker: Doreen Rivera, Crime Prevention Specialist,
Washington County Sheriff's Department

FREE pizza, bring your own beverage

The Cedar Mill Business Association's meetings
are free and open to anyone interested in
business in Cedar Mill

History in the News

Catholics in early Cedar Mill

adapted from the 50-year Anniversary Directory of St. Pius X

The parish of St. Pius X was established on June 10, 1955. It began as the Cedar Mill Mission in 1953, but the history of the Catholic Church in Cedar Mill doesn't start with the Cedar Mill Mission. Catholics first began congregating in Washington County in the late 1800s.

The Rev. William A. Verboort, pastor of the Catholic Church in the settlement of Forest Grove, began to say Mass in the homes of Cedar Mill families in 1875. Articles in the Catholic Sentinel of 1876 and 1877 tell of Masses being said at the Walsh home and at the John O'Brien home every third Sunday. With each visit, the priest also heard confessions and baptized the newborns.

In 1876, Archbishop Frances

Blanchet appointed Father Joseph Edward Hermann, a German-born priest, to serve all of Washington County. He se-

lected the Cedar Mill area for a new church, later writing, "This place was and is the most central location of the Catholic settlers in that section" of Washington County.

Planning for a church was started in 1878. It was built by 1880 near Murray Road but was moved across the street in 1882 because of a change in the county road, and to provide a burial ground for the Catholics of eastern Washington County. This cemetery, "The Catholic Pioneer Cemetery of St. Anthony of Padua," still exists today north of the present Village Baptist Church on Murray Blvd.

A school for the new parish was built in 1888 and was staffed by the Dominican sisters. Tuition was \$1 per month. There was a time that

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St. Anthony of Padua School, c. 1903

Cedar Mill Business Association Member News

Do you have news or events or know of something that you would like to see covered in the Cedar Mill News? Please write to Virginia Bruce at info@cedarmillnews.com

Harmony School takes on the recession!

Please join The Harmony School, located at 12849 NW Cornell Rd. for the original, fun filled performance of "A Day in the Life". This family show will be filled with many of your favorite story book characters and Princesses, all wondering why their life is harder than the others. Or is it? Will Chicken Little ever start making sense? Join us Saturday, March 21st to find out. Matinee performance at 3 pm, evening performance at 5 pm. Seating is very limited. All tickets \$5.00 and can be purchased at The Harmony School. Call for availability (503) 626.0166.



Harmony Summer School

The Harmony School will be offering a wonderful Summer School program from 9 am to 3 pm. Monday-Friday beginning the first Monday after the school year ends (date may vary due to school cuts and early closures).

Every week will be packed with exciting activities—from planting a garden and learning about hydroponics to mask making and basket weaving to writing your own book, play, or autobiography. Outdoor activities may include berry picking and swimming (private pool) and

will need special permission from parents. Register online at www.theharmonyschool.org or visit the school at 12849 NW Cornell Rd. (please call for appointment 503-626.0166).

Toys For Tots Literacy Program at The UPS Store

For more than 60 years, Toys for Tots has been bringing smiles to the faces of needy children through the gift of a new toy. While

Toys for Tots is committed to this tradition and continues its toy program, in March 2008, along with the national network of The UPS Store franchise locations, it extended its reach with its first year-round initiative, the Toys for Tots Literacy Program.

This initiative supports children in need by providing books and educational materials to help break the cycle of poverty.

Why do we need your help?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 12.8 million children live in poverty. That number is greater than the combined populations of New York City and Los Angeles. It is estimated that the cost of illiteracy to business and taxpayers is \$20 billion per year.

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, 33% of all fourth graders in this country still cannot read at even the basic level. In low-income neighborhoods, the ratio of books per child is one age-appropriate book for every 300 children.

Donate

Every dollar donated to the program will benefit children, libraries, schools and other educational programs in or near the communities where the funds are raised. Your support can make a difference in the lives of the millions of children who live in poverty.



The UPS Store at 10940 SW Barnes Rd. in Peterkort Towne Square is gearing up for the Toys for Tots Literacy Program donation drive during the month of March. We encourage you to donate at least \$1 as part of the "Buck a Book" initiative. When you donate, we put your name(s) on one of our Teddy Bear cards and hang it on our wall of fame. This money goes towards purchasing books through, our partners the Toys for Tots Literacy Program, and Scholastic Publishing Company. Scholastic has agreed to sell children's books for \$1 each and then they're donated to children in our local communities. In March, 2008, The UPS Store collected approximately \$240, then \$283 in December 2008. Be sure to visit The UPS Store web site at www.theupsstore.com/3379.htm

Fellow of Photography x3

Award winning local photographer, Sandy Sahagian says, "yes I can" again and receives two gold bars to add to the FP (Fellow of Photography) award previously received, at the 2009 Professional Photographers of Oregon Convention held in February.

Sandy is a third-generation photographer, Master Artist, with unmatched credentials, 30 years experience, and a 100% satisfaction guarantee, whose studio is near Cornell Road, and Cedar Hills Blvd. She specializes in portraiture and also offers photo restoration services. Visit her website: sandys-photos.com or call her at 503-297-2343 for more information.

Smiles for Health and Safety Extravaganza

Hey parents, we have an exciting event for you and your children! On April 6th from 9-11 am World of Smiles Pediatric Dentistry will be hosting "Smile for Health and Safety Extravaganza." Enjoy snacks provided by Pizza Schmizza, a full complimentary service coffee cart, healthy drinks for kids, as well as fun yet educational information for everyone.

Andrea from Portland Laughter Yoga will be offering free Laughing Yoga classes. Parents, this will be a time for you to just relax with other adults over coffee while we

play games and watch movies with your kids.

World of Smiles, Pediatric Dentistry invited Secure Child to provide finger printing and photo taking during the event. Over 1 million children go missing each year; with the proper photograph and finger prints your child could be located faster and easier.

The first 75 kids in the door will get a prize! Stop by and check out the excitement. At World of Smiles, Pediatric Dentistry we are dedicated to providing overall wellness to the families in our community. World of Smiles Pediatric Dentistry is located above Integrative Pediatrics of Dr. Paul Thomas at 11790 SW Barnes Rd Suite 280 Portland OR 97225. www.visitworldofsmiles.com

Village Gallery News

The Village Gallery of Arts March group show will feature watercolorist Terri Gonzalez. She teaches children's art classes in her home and at The Village Gallery of Arts. Her art has been shown at Portland City Hall, Doll Gardner Gallery, The Art of Change Gallery and the Village Gallery of Arts. The all media show runs March 3 through April 4th, 2009.

Classes starting in March include Journaling, Stained Glass, Watercolor and Children's Art with a Spring Break Mask Workshop on Tuesday, March 24 for ages 6-10. Upcoming classes include Dichroic Glass, Needle Felting, and Encaustic Painting using beeswax. Visit the Gallery's website for more information.

The Village Gallery of Arts is located at 12505 NW Cornell Road (Cornell and Saltzman, behind Walgreen's Drugs, next to Cedar Mill Community Library, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm. Please call the Gallery at (503) 644-8001 or visit our website villagegalleryarts.org for additional information regarding the gallery, membership, classes, and special events.

Bales offers Lebanese Lenten cooking demonstration

First Wednesday at Bales' Thriftway on Wednesday, March 4 will feature local cookbook author, Linda Dalal Sawaya demonstrating

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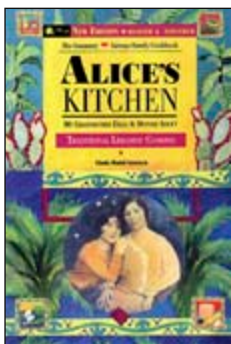
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Lebanese Lenten recipes from her cookbook, *Alice's Kitchen: Traditional Lebanese Cooking*. The event runs from 4-7 pm. Demonstrations on how to make hommous, baba ghannouj, mjuddrah, and fattoush will be featured along with tasting these Lebanese Lenten favorites.

Linda's cookbook will be available for sale and Linda will be signing and personalizing books. You can view more about her book at her website lindasawaya.com and you can purchase a copy online if you can't make it to the First Wednesday event. Linda's book includes a great variety of vegetarian recipes along with traditional lamb, chicken, and fish dishes. Also included in the book are numerous soups, desserts, breads and savory pastries, and of course many Lebanese appetizers, including the popular hommous and baba ghannouj.



Medicare Advantage Plans information

If you or a loved one is eligible for Medicare, then you might be interested in attending one of the FREE, upcoming Community Meetings at Tilly's Gelato & More (next to Walgreen's). All meetings start at 10:30 AM on the following dates: Tuesday March 3rd, Thursday March 19th and Tuesday April 21st. The presenter is CMBA board member Mike Irinaga, who is an Independent Agent for the AARP MedicareComplete plans by SecureHorizons. Learn the A,B C & D's of Medicare. Information about the SecureHorizons Medicare Advantage, Medigap, and Prescription Drug Programs will be provided. Seats are limited, so please call 503-223-9797 or email mike@nw-insure.com to reserve your space now. Come and bring a friend for a complimentary cup of organic coffee and a scone and get your 2009 Medicare ques-

tions answered. A sales representative will be present with information and applications.

First Thursday at the Spa

Sophisticate Salon invites you to their First Thursday event this month on Thursday, March 5 and every first Thursday, from 3-6:30 pm at the salon, 88 NW Murray Boulevard just south of the Sunset Highway. Owner Kim Cao says there will be complimentary appetizers and wine for you to enjoy along with their outstanding spa services, which include manicures, pedicures, waxing, facials and massage, along with haircuts by Carey Kaas, their new cut and color specialist.

Make an appointment for services, or just drop in and check out the relaxing surroundings. Be sure to try out their amazing massage chairs while you enjoy an invigorating pedicure. Call 503-526-2052 for information or to make an appointment.

Greenlick and Bonamici meet their constituents

Mitch says, "My next two town hall meetings will be jointly hosted with Senator Suzanne Bonamici at 11 am Saturday, March 7 at the Good Samaritan Hospital Auditorium (NW. 22nd between NW. Lovejoy and Marshall) and 7 pm on March 17 at the St. Vincent Hospital classroom in the East Pavilion with Representative Chris Harker."



(Photo: Neil Hefty) The building at the Peterkort Town Center that used to be Hollywood Video will soon house a 2000 sq. ft. Panda Express. An additional 6000 sq. ft. of retail space will be available to a mix of tenants through Elliott Associates elliottassociatesinc.com

Will you help support the Cedar Mill News?

by Virginia Bruce, Publisher, Editor

Many people assume that The Cedar Mill News is fully supported by The Cedar Mill Business Association, but in fact the organization doesn't pay anything for publishing The News. Although the CMBA benefits from the News, it doesn't wish to incur any liability for a publication it doesn't control.

Understandable, but it means that now I have to ask you, my readers, to help out. Advertising revenue is the only income for the News and advertisers are cutting back or cancelling ads due to the declining economy.

I want to continue to provide The News for free, and to spend the time it takes to bring you the very-local news you enjoy reading about and, in most cases, can't get anywhere else.

CMBA Meeting Notes

by Lauren McCabe, CMBA President

The February General Meeting of the Cedar Mill Business Association started with elections to the board of directors and Executive Committee. In a unanimous vote, the Executive Committee was re-elected: Dr. Lauren McCabe, President; Mike Irinaga, Vice President; Dean Shade, Secretary. Michael McIntyre is the new Treasurer; and at-large board members

are Ryan Egge, Becky Jarvis, Sandy Sahagian, and Rebecca Guyot.

Members were informed of new plans for ribbon cutting ceremonies for local businesses. Our first ceremony was held Saturday, February 21st, to welcome Poppa's Haven Coffee Shop at 800 NW Murray Blvd. We will hold ribbon cuttings for new businesses and established businesses at the request of the business owners. Becky Jarvis and Sandy Sahagian will be the contact people for the ribbon cutting events.

Tim Kober, Certified Financial Planner, presented a very informa-

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CMBA board members and guests celebrate the opening of Poppa's Haven (Photo: Sandy Sahagian)

tive lecture on helping clients find your business on the internet. He gave several easy fixes to improve websites so that they are more easily found through a Google search. Rebecca Guyot shared information about her business, The Harmony School, for the Ten Minutes of Fame segment.

The March CMBA meeting will be at Cedar Mill's Leedy Grange, 835 NW Saltzman, on March 10 at 11:45 for free pizza and networking, with the business meeting and program starting at noon. Doreen Rivera of the Washington County Sheriff's Office will speak on check and credit card fraud. The Ten Minutes of Fame presenter will be Geoff Creighton, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones. Join us and bring along a business card, and you could be next!

Grange News

Local Food Fair, building improvements planned at the Grange

Leedy Grange, founded in 1903 by some of our prominent pioneers including H. Ross and Ida Findley and George and Mary Reeves, is moving ahead with renewed energy and new members.

In the early days, the Grange was a social organization that also helped farmers band together to promote political and other actions for the good of the community and farming. Today, with virtually no farming in the area, the Grange is finding new ways to serve its community by providing a space for activities and offering events that promote the general well-being.

It has always provided a means for us to work together to do things for each other and the community that none of us could do by ourselves. It's a democratically-run group—we decide together what is important, and then we figure out a way to turn our attention into action. It's particularly valuable in a community like Cedar Mill, where we have no city to provide these kinds of services.

Local Food Fair

The Grange has begun to organize a Local Food Fair for Saturday, May 2. The event will connect people to information and resources that can help them get more of their food from local sources. "Eating Local" is an idea that is stimulating interest among people around the world who are concerned with their own health and the health of the environment. ("Locavore" was the Oxford Dictionary word of the year in 2007.)

Experts will be on hand with information about the Farmers' Market, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), home and community vegetable gardens, food preservation and cooking tips, with demonstrations and literature and items for sale.

Plan to attend the event and if you know of groups who should be

participating, please let us know by contacting John Wickham at 503-466-1192 or by email john_wickham@beavton.k12.or.us

Improving the building

The hardwood floor in the main hall is just about worn out. However, we're reluctant to put in a new floor, because the future of the building in its current location is not certain. Although the upcoming Saltzman Road improvements won't affect the building this time, we feel that it's only a matter of time before the road will need to take more space. So we have decided to clean and refinish the floor without sanding it, which would take off too much of the remaining surface.

We're also looking at replacing the dining room floor, and eventually making some upgrades to the kitchen facilities.

Renting the Grange Hall

Rental of the building is picking up. It's becoming a popular venue for teen parties, both private birthday parties and public dances. The Grange's no-alcohol policy appeals to parents! And we've hosted several sales—our central location and easy parking makes it perfect for rummage and collectible sales.

Rental rates are \$30/hr or \$150/day, and we require a refundable \$250 cleaning deposit and an insurance rider. A calendar on our website shows up-to-date availability. Visit the site at leedygrange.org for rates, calendar and contact information.

The Grange is open to citizens 14 years and older. Information on membership is also available on our website or by calling 503-629-5799.



Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

Your Community Needs Your Donations Today!

During these tough economic times Second Edition's donated merchandise has been flying off the shelves! Can you help us meet our community's growing need for reasonably priced household items, jewelry, gently-used or like-new furniture, art, antiques and clothing?

All profits from Second Edition sales support the Library. Please visit www.cedarmill.org/library for donation guidelines and bring your donations in on weekdays during open business hours. Your community thanks you!

The library's Winter Reading & Arts Festival continues with two free events in March:

Celtic Muse

Harpists Jennifer Pratt-Walter and Valerie Blessley will perform as Celtic Muse on Saturday, March 14, 3-4 pm. This concert, originally scheduled to be held in December, was a casualty of our snow storm. We're delighted that Jennifer and Valerie were able to reschedule this event so close to St. Patrick's Day when the beauty and mystical power of the Celtic harp will be especially appealing.

Oregon Trail

The festival's final event, another Oregon Historical Society's Folklife program, takes place on Saturday,

March 21, 3-4 pm with Truman Price presenting Songs & Stories from the Oregon Trail. Truman grew up in Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley learning to play traditional music from his father and going to square dances at the local Grange. Later, in West Virginia,

he learned mountain music from old masters by observation and practice. Truman has done extensive research into Oregon's musical history and traditions and especially enjoys working with young people to "pass on the music and the lore."

These Festival events will be held in the library's upstairs meeting room. They

are free, require no registration, and will appeal to all ages.

Visit the library's website at www.cedarmill.org/library more information, or call 503-644-0043 ext 114

Best Seller Collection

Cedar Mill Community Library now has a Best Seller collection. Like Best Seller items at other Washington County Libraries, they are non-holdable and cannot be renewed. Books check out for two weeks & DVDs check out for one week. The collection is located on the red carts near check-out.

At Bethany: new books and DVDs are non-holdable, which makes them very much like a best seller collection (although these items check out for 3 weeks).



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THPRD seeking to fill positions on John Quincy Adams Young House committee

With the John Quincy Adams Young (JQAY) House in Cedar Mill now on the National Register of Historic Places, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is moving forward with initial plans to restore the 146-year-old house.

Applications are being accepted for two-year terms on a newly formed Friends of John Quincy Adams Young House Committee. Members will plan, implement and participate in special fundraising events; solicit donations from businesses, organizations and individuals in the community; and make public presentations about JQAY House on request.

Individuals interested in serving on the Friends Committee should submit a completed application no later than March 24 to Lynda Myers, THPRD's Jenkins Estate, 8005 S.W. Grabhorn Road, Beaverton, OR 97007.

Applications and Friends guidelines may be obtained at the THPRD Administration Office (503/645-6433), Jenkins Estate

(503/629-6355) or the district's Web site at www.thprd.org. The ad hoc Friends group also has an application on their website: jqayounghouse.org.

The Park District currently plans to announce appointments to the committee in early April. For more information, please call Lynda Myers at 503/629-6355 or Lisa Novak at 503/645-6433.

The JQAY House, located at 12050 NW Cornell Road, was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places on Dec. 31. It was nominated by the Oregon State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office following a request by THPRD.

John Quincy Adams Young and his family traveled the Oregon Trail in the late 1840s to settle in the Oregon Territory. In 1869, Young and a partner bought the local sawmill next to Cedar Mill Creek. He built his historic "salt box"-style house where he lived with his wife, Elizabeth Constable

Young, and children.

The family stayed in the house until 1874, when they built a new house across what is now Cornell Road. Young was appointed postmaster of Cedar Mill that same year. He converted the original house into the community's first general store and post office, and it stayed that way until the end of 1881.

As years passed, the house changed ownership several times. In 2005, THPRD acquired it and a half-acre of land on which the house sits in a property exchange agreement with Cedar Mill Bible Church.

THPRD's Board of Directors subsequently adopted a master plan for renovation and restoration of the house, which is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Washington County and is the last remaining above-ground resource associated with the cedar mill for which the community was named.

Ivy Patrol at Cedar Mill Park

9 am – noon, Saturday, March 7, 2009

Join us as we continue to remove English ivy from the natural areas of Cedar Mill Park. Some tools and gloves are provided, but if you have favorite tools and gloves, mark them and bring them along --heavy-duty work gloves, loppers, a round-tipped shovel.

THPRD provides water in a cooler – bring your own bottle if possible. Refreshments and hot drinks will be provided. Dress for the weather (rain or shine) in layers, this kind of work is great for burning calories and warming you up!

Volunteers will meet at the lower parking lot just west of Cedar Mill Elementary School (10265 NW Cornell Rd), near the picnic tables. Even if you can only spare an hour or two, your help will be appreciated. Children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult—groups welcome, just make sure there are

one or two grownups per group.

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Farewell to the Sunset Shopping Center



Demolition on the building started at the back.



Most of the businesses had either moved away or closed before the county bought it late last summer



Northwest Earthmovers' skilled demolition workers carefully sorted the piles of debris so that most of it could be recycled—the wood will be made into chips, and the metals are sorted and distributed to area recyclers.



Cedar Mill News photographer Neil Hefty caught a humorous moment when the apartments were being demolished

Spring into Auction online

Findley Elementary is proud to announce their first online school auction! Bidding begins at 5 pm on Tuesday, March 10 and ends 9 pm Thursday, March 17, 2009. The Cedar Mill community is welcome to participate in the online bidding. tinyurl.com/findleyauction

Items up for auction include a collection of award winning games from Piccolo Mundo, tickets to Disneyland and Legoland, even lunch in studio with radio talk show host Lars Larson.

The Findley auction committee is sponsoring this auction using the lowest amount of overhead costs possible. Their mission during this economically challenging time is for as much of the funds from winning bids to go directly to Findley's Parent Teacher Organiza-

tion. The PTO solely supports programs such as Art Literacy and Passport Club, along with contributing vital funds for PE and library equipment. They have also set a goal to replace outdated overhead projectors with the invaluable educational technology of Document Cameras (ELMO) for every classroom.

For more information please contact findleyonlineauction09@comcast.net or visit the Findley School website at www.beavton.k12.or.us/findley



March 10th - March 17th



Load after load of debris was hauled away during the two-week demolition process

How shall we grow?

Mike Dahlstrom, Washington County Planning Division Program Educator, will discuss the Urban/Rural Reserves and the Future Urban Growth Boundary at the March 9 Washington County Public Affairs Forum.

The forum meets over lunch every Monday at the Beaverton Elks Club (3500 SW 104th Avenue

Beaverton, 97005) from September through June. They meet in the back, so it is easiest to enter through the back entrance. A map and directions to the Elks Club can be found at www.washingtoncountyforum.org/elks_club.html

For last minute updates and additional information about the forum, visit their web site at: <http://www.washingtoncountyforum.org>.

TriMet proposes cuts, changes to Cedar Mill area service

by Virginia Bruce, editor

Last month, TriMet, the public agency that provides bus, van and train transit throughout the metropolitan Portland area, announced in early February that due to the economic recession, they need to cut their fiscal-year 2010 budget by \$13.5 million. TriMet is mainly financed by payroll and other taxes (54%), and with the Oregon jobless rate at around 10% the math isn't hard to figure.

Proposed cuts include a five percent across-the-board cut and reductions to bus and MAX service. The agency is hopeful that federal stimulus funds may offset some planned agency investments, and in turn, enable TriMet to reduce service cuts. TriMet says that the two most important criteria they used in determining service cuts were ridership levels and the availability of alternative service nearby.

Line 60-Leahy Road is proposed to be cut entirely. The line, which runs in a loop from the Transit Center along Barnes Road, up Leahy to Cornell, and back to the Transit Center along Cedar Hills Bl., has a ridership average of 10.1 people per vehicle hour, with a cost of \$9.21 per ride. The line only operates during commute hours on weekdays.

The future of the Cedar Mill Shuttle is unclear at this time. The TriMet website says the service will "change to regular bus service instead of subscription-based service. Details to be announced." TriMet representatives will be at the March CPO1 meeting to address the changes but no details are available at press time.

Proposed changes to the MAX schedule are generally to run less frequent trains (every 30 minutes instead of every 15-20 minutes) in the early morning and late evening on weekdays and on weekends.

TriMet has begun a three-month comment and refinement phase where the public can help shape the final service cut plan. Meetings were scheduled in late February with the final meeting on March 3 in Beaverton. If you were unable to

attend, they are also accepting comments until 5 pm, Tuesday March 31 at TriMet-MK2, 4012 SE 17th Ave., Portland, OR 97202; Email comments@trimet.org; Phone 503-962-5806; Fax 503-962-6469; TTY 503-238-5811 (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays) Service changes are scheduled to take effect September 2009.

Brief history of TriMet

Prior to the late sixties, 34 different entities—public, private, or combinations—tried to create a workable transit system for the Portland area, but none was successful. With Rose City Transit facing bankruptcy in 1969, the Portland City Council created the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon, and the state legislature passed a bill allowing the creation of transit districts and providing them with the power to raise revenue through a payroll tax.

But transit continued to struggle as the focus remained on highway expansions. In the early 1970s the state's "Transportation Plan for 1990" recommended 54 major highway projects, celebrating the growing use of the family car. The report predicted that "Portland's still-declining bus system would remain insignificant as a transporta-



The future of the Cedar Mill Shuttle is uncertain at this time, we'll let you know what we find out next month, but in the meantime, be sure to let TriMet know your concerns!

tion means except for the rush hour commute downtown," where traffic jams were common.

In 1973, TriMet completed an "immediate action plan" and a "1990 Master Plan" to reverse the transit system's decline. It recommended consolidating all local bus service under TriMet, concentrating downtown service on transit malls along 5th and 6th avenues, building suburban Park & Ride lots, and expanding the number of buses.

Cedar Mill Park trail coming this summer

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) will be installing a temporary, soft-surface trail from 107th, along the northern edge of the former Brady property through the woods and into Cedar Mill Park this summer. The trail will enable local kids to walk to Cedar Mill School away from busy streets, and will create a connection to the park for everyone.



Preliminary alignment plan for Cedar Mill Park temporary trail

Increased flexibility to use federal transportation funding on mass transit projects enabled TriMet to explore options beyond buses. The Oregon Public Utility Commission published a report proposing a regional light rail system based largely on existing railroad right-of-ways. The Oregon Legislature adopted Senate Bill 100 establishing land-use laws to protect livability and prevent sprawl. Weekly ridership on buses and MAX has increased for 20 consecutive years.

Eastside MAX opened in 1986, and we got our segment of MAX in 1998. The Sunset Transit Center afforded access to the system for Cedar Mill residents. The Cedar Mill Shuttle (see Cedar Mill News, October 2003) was established to connect people in our hilly and busless neighborhoods to the Transit Center. It started with door-to-door cab service serving residents from 6 am until 7 pm weekdays, but in 2002 it was replaced by TriMet vans available from 6-9 am and 3-7 pm on weekdays.

The Sunset Transit Center, which is also considered to be a

The District acquired the Brady property in 2007 and was intending to put off trail development until 2010, when further Cedar Mill Park redevelopment will be scheduled. Neighbors and the CPO 1 Connecting Neighborhoods subcommittee asked that a temporary trail be installed, and the district has responded!

Park'n'Ride lot, fills up by 7:30 on weekdays. TriMet says this is partly due to people throughout the county who drive to the station and leave their cars to avoid downtown parking. Numerous suggestions to expand the station or institute a resident-preference system have not been addressed. And that is the only Park'n'Ride location in Cedar Mill.

Public transit north of Highway 26 is problematic for several reasons. For one thing, people who are really transit-dependent don't tend to move to the area. This keeps demand low. In addition, the terrain and spread-out nature of the neighborhoods makes it difficult to design a public transit system that's cost effective. And it doesn't look like it will get better anytime soon.

Search for Peace Art Exhibit

Everyone is invited to attend the Search For Peace Art Exhibit at the St. Pius X Community Center, 1280 NW Saltzman Rd. Public Exhibit – Sunday, March 8, 8:30 am to 3 pm. Craft projects for families, refreshments are available.

More information and other events at www.searchforpeaceart.org, or call 503 646-5449, or email: info@searchforpeaceart.org

Meeting our future water supply needs

by Jeanna Hall, Public Involvement Coordinator, Clean Water Services

The residents and businesses of Washington County need dependable, safe and secure fresh water resources to ensure the long-term economic health and livability of our region. Demand for water in the Tualatin Basin is expected to double by the year 2050, which means the basin will need an additional 50,000 acre feet per year.

Local water resource agencies in the Tualatin Basin are making efforts to plan now for diverse, safe and reliable water supply sources through the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project. The partners in the project include Clean Water Services, Tualatin Valley Water District and the cities of Hillsboro and Beaverton in cooperation with the US Bureau of Reclamation.

In 1999, water managers in the Tualatin Basin completed an Integrated Water Resources Management Strategy, a framework for water users and resource managers to meet shared objectives. The conclusion of this effort was to focus on planning for future water supply.

Local water managers formed a partnership in 2001 and funded a Water Supply Feasibility Study (WSFS), a technical evaluation of options to meet water demands

through the year 2050.

The WSFS identified a range of water supply options for meeting the future water supply needs in the Tualatin Basin. Several options were recommended for further evaluation including raising Scoggins Dam by 20

or 40 feet, constructing a new dam (Stimson Dam) immediately downstream of the existing dam, and an irrigation exchange pipeline from the Willamette River.

The study also concluded that conservation, reclaimed water, aquifer storage and recovery and planned Portland Bull Run system improvements should be included in any project components. The study was completed in 2004.

The Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project seeks to secure 50,000 acre-feet of needed water to meet growing needs of families, farms, factories and fish.

During 2005, an alternatives analysis examined the various supply options and two were selected for study. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now being completed to examine the proposed alternatives to meet this need. The two alternative are:

A 40' Dam Raise Alternative: A proposed 40-foot raise of Scoggins Dam on Hagg Lake with



raw water pipeline pumpback (The pump-back increases the reliability of filling a raised Scoggins Dam by pumping winter flows up to Hagg Lake from the pump plant intake.)

B Multiple Source Option Alternative: This includes up to a 25-foot raise of Scoggins Dam, a raw water pipeline pumpback, and the expansion of the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant in Wilsonville.

Both alternatives include conservation targets for homes and businesses, wastewater reuse, and working with farmers to secure in-stream water rights for fish.

The Draft EIS is expected to be published by the US Bureau of Reclamation in Fall 2009.

[Water for the Future](#) is a new DVD that illustrates the need, benefits and options that are being studied. The 12-minute video illustrates how local partners are working together to meet long-term needs for drinking water, agricultural irrigation and in-stream flow.

The video will be shown as part of a presentation during the April meeting of CPO1, April 7, 7 pm at St. Vincent Hospital. See cpo1friends.org for details. It can also be seen on Tualatin Valley Community TV or at the project website at www.tualatinbasinwatersupply.org or you can request a copy of the video for your organization or business by contacting Jeanna Hall at 503-681-3619 or hallj@cleanwaterservices.org

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Most affordable suburb!

BusinessWeek posted their annual list of the most affordable suburbs for 2009. Cedar Mill was chosen this year for Oregon! Each year the editors select one affordable suburb near the biggest city in each state "where residents can find the best quality of life for their money in 2009." We knew there was something special about this place! images.businessweek.com/ss/09/02/0219_affordable_suburbs/38.htm

The editor says, "The selected suburbs were limited to towns within 25 miles of the most populated city, with populations of 5,000 to 60,000



people, median family incomes of \$51,000 to \$120,000, and lower-than-average crime rates. We weighted a variety of factors including livability (short commutes, low pollution, green space), education (well-educated residents, high test scores), crime (low personal and property crime), economy (high job growth, low unemployment rate, high family income), and affordability (median household income, cost of expenditures).

"Affordability was most heavily weighted in our calculations. We penalized places with bad weather, a lack of racial diversity, high divorce rates, and few children."

And this just in—Business Week rated Portland as the #1 Unhappiest City, based on a variety of factors including depression rates, suicide rates, divorce rates, crime, unemployment, population loss, job loss, weather, and green space. So stay on this side of the hills!

Catholics, continued from page 1
the school was without sisters, and then it reopened in 1895 with the Sisters of Mercy from New Zealand. A convent was soon built. In 1897 both the school and the convent burned down. Two years later, they were both rebuilt only to have the school burn down again in 1906.

In 1893 the city of Beaverton was incorporated. In 1903 Archbishop Alexander Christie purchased land for a new church in Beaverton. By that time, a lot of the population had moved from Cedar Mill to Beaverton due to the railroad.

The first Mass was said there in 1908 in a converted cheese factory. It was dedicated to St. Mary and Mass was said weekly. In 1913 a combination church and school was built. St. Cecilia church, school and rectory were on the site of the present Damerow Ford on Canyon Road and Hall Blvd. in Beaverton.

Masses continued to be said at St. Anthony's on the last Sunday of the month until 1917. After the rectory burned in 1915, Fr. James O'Flynn

lived in Beaverton and traveled by horseback to St. Anthony's to say Mass. Only the cemetery and a row



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church confirmation class, May 19, 1900. Photo courtesy of Mary Groch

of redwood trees planted by the sisters remain near the site of the old parish on Murray Blvd.

An old St. Anthony of Padua Parish register that dates to 1876 lists many names that we will recognize today. Members included Thomas and Ann Leahy from County Waterford, Ireland, and Owen Murray who came to Oregon from San Francisco, and members of the Barnes and Teufel families.

Next month we'll bring the history of the Catholic Church in Cedar Mill up-to-date with information about the founding and development of St. Pius X.



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team of three brokers, who keep a close eye on the listings and make sure you find the home you're looking for. This team consists of the Buyer Broker plus the consulting services of Principal Broker, Lee Davies and Lead Broker, Dirk Hmura, who are on call to view properties prior to a buyer making a purchasing decision. In addition to pre-counseling on the property selection, Davies and Hmura work directly with clients and Buyer Brokers to assemble offers, present offers, and oversee negotiations. Hmura also acts as the company inspection specialist who attends each inspection and sees to it that all concerns are appropriately addressed prior to closing. Anyone who has found out too late that the inspector missed something can appreciate that.

The full-service aspect of the company is also evident once an offer has been accepted. Davies says, "Katie Reiners reviews the file to make sure it is legally compliant and will make sure everyone adheres to timelines during the escrow process. She coordinates all aspects of closing with the designated title/escrow company." Their in-house mortgage and title people are available to help buyers with those



Lee Davies opened his new office in 2007

tasks. Their company even provides a complimentary moving truck.

For selling in this difficult time, each client has a team of brokers assigned to their home. Davies explains, "The Listing Broker is the Seller's primary point of contact from the initial home appointment through the day of closing. The Listing Broker oversees home preparation, sets the launch schedule, implements our complete marketing plan, and communicates with the seller each week."

Each seller also has the resources of Davies and Hmura, one of whom will attend the first meeting at the home. Upon listing, yet prior to the home being placed on the market, Hmura and the Listing Broker implement a Home Preparation and Staging Plan. Once an offer is accepted, Hmura and the Listing Broker will manage the inspection process. Both Davies and Hmura, along with the Listing Broker, review, negotiate, and execute counter offer proposals.

Each property is also assigned one Buyer Broker who essentially becomes a property specialist on the home, ensuring that he/she is prepared for all buyer inquiries. The Buyer Broker represents the buyers and does not have access to confidential seller information.

Davies continues, "Our team approach allows each broker to focus on specific functions to sell the home and ensures that there will always be a knowledgeable expert available for client and realtor inquiries."

The Cedar Mill area is "sticky!"

People who grew up here tend to stay or come back, and people who find it tend to stay here even if they move from one house to another. Davies says, "Most of our clients are moving within three miles of their existing home. As a result we get the opportunity to be their experts in both their sale and their acquisition."

But they also handle a lot of relocation business for the major employers in the area, including Nike and Intel, and they do all the relocation for Pacificorp.

Davies and his staff put together a regular Portland Real Estate Report that is distributed by email with the help of his Marketing Director, Julie Williams. Davies writes the headline article each month, and other members of the staff contribute market analyses and other useful information. You can sign up for the newsletter on their website.

Their website has many features, including virtual video tours for many of their homes, and a search function that lets you see all the homes available in the area—from all real estate companies—sorted

by school, number of bedrooms, or any combination of features that are important to you.

It's part of the company's overall branding and marketing effort, which Davies says is his "favorite aspect of the business. I have always loved the creative side of life and thrive on looking for entrepreneurial ways to grow our business. This year we just hired a Marketing Director, Julie Williams and she has done a fabulous job of making my visions a reality," he says.

About the state of the real estate market in our area, Davies says, "The 97229 zip code and our general West Portland market has been bucking the national trends. Due to our strong employment base, prox-



Davies and his team discuss strategy for a client's house in the conference room. Listed properties are displayed on big screens throughout the building.

imity to the city and the corridor, and beautiful natural surroundings, we are fortunate homeowners." And in the future? "I believe that things are going to just bump along. There will be buyers and there will be sellers. The difference today is that we all have to work hard to earn a living. Fortunately for me, that is right up my alley and I thrive on the challenge."

He and his wife Lori have five children attending five local schools—Natalie at Sunset; Sydney at the International School of Beaverton, Michael at Terra Linda, Joey at St. Pius, and Owen at A Child's

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Way Preschool. They are a skiing family and have a second home in Utah where all seven of them love to hit the slopes.

Davies loves the area for its views, great park and school districts, but, "most enjoyable is our access to everything within 10-15 minutes. Our location cannot be beat."

He feels that the demographics of our residents could support a better retail selection, but he understands that these are tough times for businesses to try and grow. "We are so thrilled to see the Murray, Cornell, and Saltzman improvements and know that it will make

our community a better place to live, work, and play," he adds.

The company joined the Cedar Mill Business Association a few years ago, mostly to get the advertising discount in The News. But this year, he has delegated Dirk Hmura to start attending meetings so they can make the most of their membership by being involved in the networking and community improvement activities of the organization.

Lee Davies Real Estate is located at 9200 SW Barnes Road. Their phone number is 503- 292-1500 and the website is www.leadavies.com.

Sunset seeks business partners for Mock Interviews

by Ericka Pate & Jayme Wendland, Sunset High College & Career Center

Thursday, April 30th and Friday May 1

Session I - 8:15-12:00; Session II - 11:15-2:00

All students attending high schools within the Beaverton School District are required to complete a Career Education Credit in order to graduate. Each high school manages the curriculum for the credit somewhat differently. At Sunset, our students experience career exploration and must complete a job application, cover letter, resume and mock interview. We have partnered with WorkSource Oregon Department of Employment to prepare our students for the experience.

The final requirement, the interview, is accomplished throughout a two-day event during which business partners join us to provide 20-minute interviews for five to six students during a morning and/or afternoon session. The interviews are designed to be general, but we do attempt to assign students to interviewers in a mutual area of interest when possible. We encourage interviewers to conduct these job interviews as they would in their workplace.

We provide an overview orientation and interviewers have an opportunity to review the student's documents prior to the interviews. We also provide a list of Commonly Asked Questions.

All interviewers (about 20 interviewers per session) meet with students in our Media Center, with each interviewer designated at a table. We ask interviewers to

complete a brief evaluation of the student following the interaction. We offer our thanks to interviewers with breakfast and lunch!

If you would like to spend a little time helping our kids prepare for their future, please contact us as soon as possible. Let us know which day and which sessions you would like (we invite you to select as many sessions as you want). We look forward to hearing from you!

Ericka_pate@beaverton.k12.or.us, Jayme_wendland@beaverton.k12.or.us, College & Career Center, Sunset High School, 13840 NW Cornell Road, Portland, OR 97229 or call 503-259-5050, prompt #7

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