



Cedar Mill News

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Featured Business

Diana Erickson, Realtor

When Diana Erickson was a little girl, she would hang out with her father at his C & E Realty office on 185th Ave., "back when 185th was a two lane country road." She would, "sit in on open houses with him, ride in his big Cadillac and go on appointments with him. He loved having me with him and for me it was the best, I was with my dad. We used to put Polaroid photos of his

located on Cornell Road. She chose to hang her Brokers License with John L Scott because of the size of the company and the advanced, cutting edge resources they offer



Diana Erickson outside a home she's selling on Jericho Lane

listings in the office window, and I would talk to the people passing by. I learned how to sell Real Estate from my dad. I married Dana Erickson, a Washington County home builder, almost 30 years ago and that was it. I have lived and breathed homes all my life."

Diana works with both sellers and buyers, and she also has experience with development land. She particularly enjoys working with homeowners. "Sellers love their homes, and are so proud of them that they are almost like a family member," she says.

Diana is at the Sunset Corridor Office of John L. Scott Real Estate,

to their brokers. Diana says, "they are the leader in innovation in the real estate industry and have a very large "in house" Internet Technology department."

Most of Diana's clients are referrals from past clients and friends. "I represent sellers about 80% of the time and I sell my own listings about 85% of the time. When someone is happy with their selling or buying experience, they tell their friends. This is a very small community and word travels fast."

Diana's confidence in her professionalism and ability as a broker is reflected in the way she works with clients. She will make suggestions to sellers how they can make their home more saleable, but she

Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

NO MEETING IN AUGUST - Happy Summer!

Please join us at the Cedar Mill Park Concert August 9 (see page 3)
and at our next meeting on September 11

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

History in the News

Joe Murray

By Nancy Olson, co-author, Cedar Mill History

The name Murray Road serves as a reminder of one Irish immigrant family who settled in the area. Owen Murray came from San Francisco, where he had become a citizen in 1876. The next year he bought a 200-acre tract in Cedar Mill which included the sloping forest area from NW Pettygrove to Highway 26. Here he built a two-story house with at least seven rooms and a fireplace in each room. Murray and his wife Mary raised five children, Ellen, Ann, Joe, Thomas and Mary.

They cleared 120 acres for farming and raised horses and a few cattle. A 20-stall horse barn was constructed next to the family home on Cornell. They belonged to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Joe attended the parochial school until all the children were enrolled in Union School on NW 143rd.

Owen died in 1909 and son Thomas in 1915, leaving Joe to manage the farm for his mother and

sisters. He raised dairy cattle and also worked for other farmers in the area. He was a colorful figure in the community for many years. He wore a dirty work cap and sported a long red beard. Children were both frightened and fascinated by his appearance and flamboyant behavior. He had a bachelor's habit of visiting Portland on weekends for entertainment and returned home with his wagon and team down Cornell whistling loudly for all to hear.

In 1936 the Depression and Joe's easy-going work habits contributed to his financial ruin. He was forced to sell the 200-acre farm to cover his debts. Part of the acreage eventually became the Terra Linda housing project and Sunset Mall shopping center. Joe remained nearby in a small rented house and continued to work for farmers in the area. In 1947 he suffered a fatal heart attack as he was cutting hay for a neighbor. He is buried at St. Anthony Cemetery on Murray Road along with Owen, Mary, Joe,



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Cedar Mill Business Association Member News

compiled and written by Dawn Anderson

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 Dawn at dawn.cmba@yahoo.com or leave a message at 503-533-9944.

CMBA Meeting Notes

Laws, ads and taxes

By Virginia Bruce

Bill Rawson, Cedar Mill Business Association Board President, presented the final design for the banners that will be installed along Cornell. Portland Vital Signs will be fabricating the banners for us. Owner Nick Olson is a lifelong Cedar Mill resident and also the son of Cedar Mill History co-author Nancy Olson. The Board has decided to pay for the banners rather than trying to get business sponsorship. The banners are being offered at a substantial discount by Portland Vital Signs.

State Representative Mitch Greenlick joined us to offer a summary of the recently concluded session of the Oregon legislature. He discussed health care, annexation, and the Measure 37 "fix" that will be presented to voters in the fall, Measure 49.

Jim Bixler, our ad rep for the Oregonian, once again joined us to explain the Cedar Mill group ad that is available to Cedar Mill businesses. The ad will run twice a month in both the Washington County Weekly supplement and in the FoodDay free mailer that goes out on Tuesdays. Rates for this special ad are substantially lower than individual ads would be. Call Jim at (503) 221-8355 for more information.

The main program for July was a presentation on "Tax Education for Small Business Owners" by April Gutierrez, Managing Partner of Pacific Northwest Tax Service. She gave everyone an information-packed booklet covering topics such as business organization structures (Sole Proprietor, LLC, corporation) and how they impact your taxes; record keeping, business expenses and what is deductible, home office issues, and self-employment taxes.

There will be no August meeting. Instead, members are invited

Village Gallery News & Events

Weed thoughts...

The Village Gallery of Arts August show, "Reflections," features a group show plus featured artist Pat San Soucie. The featured artist makes her home in Clackamas, Oregon but she is well known as an artist and instructor nationwide. Pat creates her watermedia paintings in a unique style by pouring pigments through filters, yielding abstract textures, shapes and color. Originally from the Midwest, Pat's work reflects the "Midwestern field, grass and weed thoughts,



Peaceland Blue by Pat San Soucie

Stockton goes east, McCabe steps in

Dr. Lauren McCabe, DC, has taken over Cedar Mill Chiropractic Clinic at 13321 NW Cornell from Dr. Jordan Stockton who has relocated to the East Coast.

Dr. McCabe continues the tradition of providing high quality, friendly, affordable chiropractic care coupled with massage therapy and extensive rehabilitation services. New services that Dr. McCabe brings to the clinic and the Cedar Mill community are functional foot orthotic supports, nutritional counseling, and a wide range of nutritional supplements to address pain and other chronic health issues. Dr. McCabe is welcoming new patients.

Cedar Mill Chiropractic Clinic offers 20-30% time of service discounts for cash-paying patients depending on the service provided.

The hours for the clinic are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30-6:30 and Tuesday afternoons 2:30 to 6:30. Please call (503) 646-3393 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Edward Jones #1

The financial services firm Edward Jones again was named the Number One full-service brokerage firm in the August edition of SmartMoney magazine, according to Denny Dolson, a financial advisor in Portland. The firm placed ahead of six other firms and received high marks in the four categories

and forms of recognizable organic subjects." She taught a watermedia class at the Village Gallery in July.

The show opens August 7th and runs through Sept. 2nd. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday 12 pm to 4 pm.

surveyed by the magazine: stock picking, customer satisfaction, trust and customer statements.

Edward Jones embraces the importance of building long-term, face-to-face relationships with clients, helping them to understand and make sense of the investment options available today. Call Denny Dolson at 503-646-7100. The office is located at 10920 SW Barnes Rd.

WiFi Hotspot now at Safeway

If you've ever envied those downtown folks who sit around in coffee shops reading their email, wish no more, you can do it right here in Cedar Mill.

Safeway has installed WiFi in its Cornell Road store, and it's available in all seating areas within the store. Just bring in your WiFi-enabled device (802.11b/g) and set your network identifier to "safewaywifi" and launch your browser. You'll be redirected to a log-in portal. Call Safeway Customer Care for more information at 888-516-3339.

There is also a WiFi hotspot at the Cedar Mill Community Library.



April Gutierrez gives tax information to a surprisingly large group attending the July CMBA meeting

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to bring along printed material and help man the CMBA booth at the Cedar Mill Park concert on August 9. If you want to participate, contact Virginia Bruce, 503-629-5799.

Bales Thriftway names new director

Bales Marketplace has a new Store Director. George Emerson was the former store director at the West Linn Bales Marketplace, and has been with the company for over 20 years. He replaces Butch Turner. We'll find out more about him next month.

Community Calendar

see our calendar on the website at
cedarmill.org/calendar

Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

Bethany Branch is NOW OPEN!

Visit the new library in the Bethany Village Shopping Centre, 15320 NW Central Drive, Suite D-6. The 1,800 square foot library includes popular books, magazines, DVDs and CDs for adults and children. Four computers are available for public use: three public internet terminals and one terminal for patrons to use in searching Polaris. Patrons have access to the millions of items in the WCCLS online catalog—items can be requested online and picked up at the library. www.cedarmill.org/library/ Phone: 503-617-READ (7323). Hours: Mon-Tues 10-8, Wed-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5.



Opening Day - from children's area looking toward front door and check-out desk

Owl Book Club

The book selection is "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy. The next meeting will be on Friday, August 31 at 10:30 am. Newcomers always welcome!

Second Edition Clearance Sale

Shop for big bargains at the Second Edition Resale shop's two week Clearance Sale from August 4 to August 18. All items (unless otherwise marked) will be 50% off. Shop early for the best selection. Second Edition is an ongoing fundraiser for the library. Shop is at the east end of the library. 503-644-6395.

Film Club

"VIVA CUBA" will be shown on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm, FREE. Adults aged 18 and over are invited to view this film and enjoy a lively discussion after the showing.

North Bethany Planning open house

Washington County invites interested parties to an Open House on Thursday, August 9, when they will share information and take public comments about progress in the concept planning efforts for North Bethany. The County is planning for new neighborhoods in North Bethany that will include "a thoughtful and attractive variety of homes, businesses, and civic spaces."

North Bethany is an 800-acre area north of Springville Road between 185th Avenue and the Washington County line that is being planned as an organic extension of the existing Bethany community to the south.

Thanks to the input and ideas of hundreds of neighbors, a proposed concept plan has been developed.

The concept plan includes several necessary components for building a community of distinction, including parks and trails, neighborhoods and centers, schools and a circulation plan. Other important aspects of the plan include affordable housing and infrastructure needs such as sewer, water and a green approach to storm water drainage. An illustrative plan map will show what the area could look like.

Interested persons may also participate by visiting the online open house between August 9 and August 19, 2007. For more information visit www.bethanyplan.org, or contact Angela Brown, Washington County Planning Division at 503-846-3968 or e-mail angela_brown@co.washington.or.us.

North Bethany Planning Open House

Thursday, August 9
4:30-7 pm
PCC Rock Creek campus
Events Center, Building 9
17705 NW Springville Rd

TUALATIN HILLS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
PRESENTS A FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

Free! Thursday, August 9
6-8 p.m.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

Cedar Mill Park
10385 NW Cornell (next to Cedar Mill School)
Free shuttle from Cedar Mill Bible Church Parking Lot 5:30-8:30 pm

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School District will listen again

The Beaverton School District invites the community to attend two Boundary Listening Sessions in August to gather input for proposed boundary adjustments affecting elementary and middle schools north of Hwy. 26. These adjustments are in part due to the new Bonny Slope Elementary School now being built on McDaniel Road.

Superintendent Jerome Colonna and Maureen Wheeler, Public Communication Officer, will facilitate the sessions.

The sessions are:

Monday, August 13, 7- 8:30 pm
Findley Elementary School
4155 NW Saltzman Rd.

Tuesday, August 14, 7- 8:30 pm
Oak Hills Elementary School
2625 NW 153rd Ave.

The public is encouraged to attend. More information about the process can be found on the website, www.beaverton.k12.or.us—click on School Boundaries.

For more information, please con-

tact Maureen Wheeler, Public Communication Officer, 503-591-4360.

OASIS Tutor Program Seeks Cedar Mill Seniors

The OASIS Intergenerational Tutor Program pairs trained adults, age 50 and over to work one-on-one with a young child for an hour a week. The goal of the program is to increase reading skills and self-esteem in first through 4th graders.

Previous experience is not necessary although retired teachers are most welcome! Training, materials and monthly tutor support meetings are provided. OASIS places volunteers in Cedar Mill Elementary School.

Colleen Shannon, the program coordinator, will hold an information meeting at Cedar Mill Community Library on August 9th at 2pm in the meeting room upstairs. For more information please call 503-833-3636 or email to: cshannon@lhs.org

Cut-through traffic solutions for Saltzman vicinity

By Elaine Ledbetter, Office Manager, Christ United Methodist Church

[Editor's note: Elaine served with other neighbors on a committee to come up with some responses to the traffic that cuts through neighborhoods between 119th and Saltzman, and between Saltzman and Murray. Neighbors have long been concerned with traffic noise and safety issues related to people using these alternate routes through the neighborhood. 78% of the affected residents voted to approve the change, so Lovejoy and Filbert will soon have "right-in, right-out" restricted access. This alternative, proposed and supported by the neighborhood, will mean that vehicles will not be able to turn left/northbound from Filbert and Lovejoy onto Saltzman.]

I have found that one way to get to know your neighbors is to sit on planning committees with them. I have been fortunate to be on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Cedar Mill Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan that has just finished its work.

project, I (as the representative of Christ United Methodist Church as well as the neighborhood in general) came to see that the changes that will be taking place would impact Christ UMC in some negative ways. Because of the time I spent in meetings with the County staff and neighbors involved in solving the problems of cut through traffic I was able to have options and contacts so I could work with the church's committees to find the best option for us.

As often happens when problem-solving, there are no perfect solutions to the problem. This is such a case. The Trustees of the church have decided to put a gate across the church property at the south end of NW 128th. This will result in all of our traffic entering and exiting off Dogwood St. This means I, along with many others, will need to go through the Saltzman/Cornell intersection instead of entering off Filbert and 128th. We hope only to restrict

I now have a better understanding of the working constraints—budget, project scope, ordinances, codes, and time. I hope to continue to use this expanded base of experience and information in the future.

Pledge your pooch, get a free bandana

Did you know that our local rivers and streams have fecal bacteria



that exceed clean water standards? According to a recent DNA study, dog waste alone accounts for almost 15% in some local streams.

And it's not just in parks and public spaces where you need to

This project took about 30 hours of my time over a 15-month period. It is an easy way to have a positive impact on the way our neighborhood looks and functions.

clean up after your dog. Runoff from your own backyard (and your neighbors' yards) also ends up in your local stream. Please put your dog waste into bags and dispose of it in your garbage.

What can you do to keep our water safe and clean? Follow these steps:

- Take the Canines for Clean Water pledge at www.clean-waterservices.org/canines and receive a FREE bandana.*
- Enter your fashionable hound in our photo contest.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Throw pet waste into a garbage can.

The Canines for Clean Water program is sponsored by the Tualatin Basin Partners for Clean Water. Help keep our water clean for future generations of humans and canines alike. *must be a Tualatin River Watershed resident



NO LEFT TURN: An arrow and the word "ONLY" will be painted on the pavement and a no left turn symbol sign will be installed under the existing stop sign. Advance warning signs may be added later if needed.

You will be seeing the results of that work in traffic pattern changes west of Saltzman in the near future where there will be turning restrictions on Lovejoy and Filbert to reduce cut-through traffic problems. On the east side of Saltzman the neighbors continue to look at speed concerns on Kearney and Marshall, changes are expected to occur in a year or so.

As the committee worked through various options and considered the results of polling of preferences at the last Open House for this

vehicular traffic. We will leave access through the church property for those walking, cycling, or in wheelchairs. This should happen within the next couple of months.

The experience of being on a citizen committee has given me the chance to work with neighbors of varying viewpoints and frustration levels (issues impact some folks more than others and in different ways) and with our County staff from various agencies. I have also seen options I would never have thought of offered and accepted.

Area residents needed for Saltzman project Focus Group

At a well-attended open house on July 19, residents got their first look at the Saltzman Road Improvement Project. Maps and charts explained the scope of the project, the expected timeline, and the steps to reach the final design. People were encouraged to discuss issues with representatives from the County and staff of David Evans and Associates who have been hired to do the engineering for the improvements.

The first phase of the project, including preliminary surveying and information gathering, will continue through Spring 2008. Final engineering Phase 1 & 2 and Right-of-way acquisition will continue through Fall 2008. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2009 and continue through Fall 2010. Three additional Open Houses will

occur at further stages. Project information is available at deainc.com/saltzmanroad



Residents use sticky notes to add their comments and concerns to maps of the Saltzman area

A Project Focus Group is being formed to provide input to the Project Management Team. The Focus Group will be made up of representatives from the neighborhood, property owners,

public agency staff and public interest groups. These people will be representing the community during the project. Applications are due by July 30.

Washington County Commissioner Desari Strader will select Focus Group members by August 15. For information about applying to be part of the group, contact Matt Costigan, Engineering Project Manager, matthew.costigan@co.washington.or.us or (503) 846-7825

Cedar Mill Farmers' Market**Have some tunes with those peaches!**

A good part of the fun of going to the Farmers' Market is getting to listen to the great live music that Market Director Dina Gross schedules for us. What better way to start your weekend than with some hot tunes along with your pulled pork sandwich and juicy peach. The music usually starts around 9:30 and finishes up around 1. Here's her lineup for August:

August 4

Kenny Lavitz brings his wonderful blues guitar & vocals

August 11

Columbia Cut-ups will swing the Market with great blue-grassy, country tunes.

August 18

Greg Clarke, our most requested musician, plays fantastic old-time and bluegrass music on fiddle, mandolin, and guitar with vocals



Bob Colwell is an exclusive at the Cedar Mill Farmers' Market!



August 25

Bob Colwell is the local guitar legend who plays ONLY our market, truly one of the very finest guitarists in the Northwest

Dina says, "we've got such great produce this summer and wonderful friendly vendors. It's great to get

the community behind sustainable, local agriculture. Your support, rain or shine, makes the Market possible and that keeps these great small, local farmers in existence. It's part of what makes Cedar Mill special, isn't it?"

The Cedar Mill Farmers'

Market is open every Saturday morning through September from 8 am to 1 pm. Sponsored by Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, it takes place in the western end of the parking lot adjacent to the Safeway store at the northwest corner of Cornell and Murray.

Start the presses!

The Cedar Mill Historical Society is planning to hold a community Cider Pressing this fall on the grounds of the John Quincy Adams Young House. It's a way to celebrate our history and use some of those apples that fall from the many old trees that the pioneers planted around here. Community members will be invited to bring apples and containers—now all we need are the presses. If you know of cider presses that might be available to borrow for the event, please let us know. Contact Virginia Bruce, 503-629-5799 /yrb@teamweb.com.

**Greenlick Town Halls**

Representative Mitch Greenlick will be hosting two town halls in the month of August to report to House District constituents on the events of the recent legislative session.

- Monday, August 13, 7pm
Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital Auditorium
- * Tuesday, August 14, 7pm
St Vincent Hospital Souther Auditorium



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understands how important it is for the character of a home to show through. It is important for sellers to be able to live in their home normally while it is listed. Because Diana lives in Cedar Mill and loves it, she especially enjoys working with homes in Cedar Mill. Larger lot sizes, mature trees and gardens are very appealing. "If a home is vacant, I like to 'stage' it by bringing in furniture and accessories. It helps people get a feel for what it would be like to live there," she says.

Diana believes the key to being a successful broker is to spend a lot of time looking at individual homes as well as the real estate market. "I am in several houses each day. A good agent must know the inventory out there." She also has extensive knowledge about new construction. "I know about the crawl space, how a house should sit on a lot, the pitch of the roof, etc. You have to know your product," she insists.

When someone calls Diana to list their home, she says, "the very first thing I do is really study their home. Every home is unique and has something special to offer. And then I make a list of those unique features and I get to know the house. And then I get excited about marketing the home. I focus on the



Erickson says the unique character of the homes she sells don't require that the homeowner paint everything white

positive things about the home and then I market it aggressively. I also do very detailed market research. I give the seller a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) that shows what comparable homes in the area have sold for and how much comparable homes in the area are currently listed for."

Diana's best advice for home sellers is to take care of your home, keep it updated and do necessary maintenance. She says, "If you do these things, a person who buys your home will be just as proud of it as you are."

Diana says the real estate market in Cedar Mill and more generally the west side is quite good. Positive job growth, quality of life and proximity to downtown Portland are the main reasons for the healthy

Cedar Mill real estate market. Diana currently has 14 homes on the market, ranging in price \$900,000 to \$350,000.

Diana and her husband Dana have one daughter who graduated from Sunset High School, then attended University of Nebraska on a swimming scholarship and later transferred to University of Arizona, where she graduated. She is engaged to be married, and her dream is to move back to the Cedar Mill area with her new husband and become a third generation realtor working under Diana.

Diana is an enthusiastic first-year member of the Cedar Mill Business Association. She has lived in the area all her life, and loves Cedar Mill for its beauty and rich sense of community.

You can call Diana at (503) 319-5544, email her at dianae@johnlscott.com or visit her website: DianaErickson.com

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