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The future of The Cedar Mill News

By Virginia Bruce, editor

This paper may be the last printed issue of The News for a while. The cost of printing in full color is very high. Pacific Office Automation has been very generous in letting us print 600 copies each month on one of their high-speed color copiers—donating the use of the machine along with the paper and toner. All good things end eventually, and it will no longer be possible for us to print there.

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If you want to help us keep the Cedar Mill News going, the most important thing that readers can do at this point is to **sign up to get the online version** (cedarmill.org/news/signup). Each month when the new issue is ready, you'll get an email with a link to download the PDF version which looks just like the printed paper. You can print that on your own printer and take it with you to read anytime. Or you can use the other link in the email to go to the home page (cedarmill.org/news) and read the stories online as web pages. There are usually more photos and sometimes even longer articles than can fit in the printed version. And all those links (see article to the right) will actually work and take you to the pages! We never do anything with your email address other than to send you the monthly notice.

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Over 500 people already get The News online every month. If we get enough new people signing up, we're hoping that our advertisers

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, December 19, noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Holiday Celebration!

Free refreshments

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

Dark Skies vs. Light Pollution

By Bruce Bartlett

As a life-long resident of Washington County (55 years and counting), one of my biggest disappointments in the impact of population growth has been the increase in light pollution. Light pollution is

on the new residents and neighbors. An "acorn" style street light can look quite attractive in daylight and can become a polluting monster at night.

Over the past 6 years as Chair of Citizen Participation Organization 1. (www.cpolfriends.org), I

that prevent light from escaping above the fixture, and avoid glare and sky glow.

Local sources of information on urban lighting include: Bob McGowan, bobmcgown@comcast.net of Rose City Astronomers (www.rca-oms.org); Daniel Gauger - PGE Street Lighting Services Supervisor, 503-736-5761; and Nancy Schmidt - Washington County street light coordinator, 503-846-7619, Nancy_Schmidt@co.washington.or.us.

If you have an issue with a specific street light, each light pole has a coded number on it that identifies it, so please try to obtain this identification number for reference.

Street lighting requirements are documented in the Washington County Community Development Code Section 501-8.2 Essential Services, available on-line at: www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/LAND_DEV/CDC/codepdf/code.htm. Refer to paragraph C. Street Lighting.

PGE lists the various street lights available on their website at: www.portlandgeneral.com/business/products/outdoor_lighting/light_fixtures_poles.asp?bhcp=1

Dark Skies was the topic of the December 5 meeting of CPO 1, and the minutes and presentations from that meeting will be available on the website a few days after the program, www.cpolfriends.org



A typical suburban sky at midnight. Light at night has been shown to disturb wildlife among other detriments.

defined by Dark Skies International (www.darksky.org) as: Any adverse effect of artificial light including sky glow, glare, light trespass, light clutter, decreased visibility at night, and energy waste.

To be certain, a modern urban society requires sufficient lighting for safety and comfort, but new developments can go overboard attempting to provide that lighting. There is often no regard for the impact of street or house lighting

have regularly heard from citizens complaining about unwanted light, usually from street lights but also from parking lot and commercial building lights and even neighbors' outdoor lighting. In terms of safety, very little crime occurs above the streetlights so why light up the sky?

And since unnecessary lighting unnecessarily consumes electricity, significant economic and environmental advantages can be obtained by making good lighting choices

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The News, continued from page 1
will stick with us while we find a new way to print The News.

The January and February issues will most likely be 100% online. We'll be working hard in the meantime to find another way to print the paper—we know that people like to pick up papers at the library and at local businesses and we're going to do our best to bring that back. If you have a paid subscription I will print copies and mail them out as usual. I won't be taking any more subscriptions until we work out a new way to print the paper.

How The News grew

In 2002, at a monthly meeting of the Cedar Mill Business Association (CMBA), we were discussing ways to get more people involved in the organization. I asked why the people who were there that day came to meetings. For most of them it boiled down to getting the latest "gossip" about the business community and other developments in the area. I suggested that a CMBA-sponsored newsletter might be popular. I received a go-ahead to try a couple of issues.

The first issue, in January 2003, was called The Milltown and consisted of one single-sided page featuring information about the next CMBA meeting and a story about Jordan and The Bluffs parks. The first two issues were printed on my inkjet and distributed only to CMBA members. Then in March I arranged for the paper to be printed for free by IKON in Beaverton, in exchange for advertising. By then we'd found enough news to cover the front and back of a single sheet. In April we grew to four pages, and added Teufel Nursery as an advertiser. The focus began to shift from strictly business to issues of interest to the general community, and we

began to distribute the paper at local businesses.

While walking the paper around to the companies on Science Park Drive, I encountered Brooks Newsom at Pacific Office Automation, a company that was founded in Cedar Mill and now provides equipment and networking services throughout the west. He offered to print it on their machines. The May 2003 issue was printed there, as have been all subsequent issues, directly from disk on machines in their demo room.

I put the first few issues together as an experiment. When it proved popular, the CMBA decided to pay me a small amount each month. Over time, local businesses wanted to advertise, and the paper grew to its current eight pages of local news and ads. The small stipend from CMBA and the advertising revenue is what I get paid for putting it together. Any printing costs would have to come out of that, since the paper isn't currently supported in any other way. So right now, even relatively inexpensive printing is impossible.

Thanks to everyone for your support over the past four years. I intend to do all I can to keep The Cedar Mill News going. There's a lot happening in our little community, and I expect it to just get more interesting.

"Enchanted Kingdom" at Rock Creek

Cedar Mill's Harmony School will be performing an original comedy called "The Enchanted Kingdom" at the PCC Rock Creek Forum on December 16 at 5:00 pm.

located at 12849 NW Cornell Rd. or call 503.626.0166. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the show for the same price.

The Harmony School ex-



School director Rebecca Guyot says, "This work was created by our theatre class and will include singing, dancing, acting, and a lot of comedy. This performance is intended for the whole family!"

The performance is the second big show for the school. Advance tickets are available at the school at \$5 per seat. Harmony School is

ists to broaden the horizons of all students, with affordable academic, musical, and classical arts training. More information is available on their website at theharmonyschool.org

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Cedar Mill Park restoration December 16

The west and south margins of Cedar Mill Park, adjacent to Cedar Mill School on Cornell, contain a trail that winds through a lovely variety of native herbs, shrubs and trees. This space was originally planted many years ago by the Cedar Mill Garden Club. Unfortunately,

District has been holding a series of restoration events, with the aid of volunteers from Rock Creek Watershed Partners and local groups such as scouts. Recently Starbuck's has adopted the park as a sponsoring organization. They will be providing hot drinks and snacks along

with volunteers to help with the work of removing holly and hawthorne with the amazing Weed Wrench. Cleared areas will be planted with an assortment of native plants.

This ongoing effort is making a big difference. There is almost no ivy in the park, although private property nearby is choked with the stuff, which kills trees if left to twine into upper branches. Natives that were planted last fall and winter are thriving, and the areas that were previously cleared remain largely free of invasive plants.

If you'd like to join in the effort, we'll be in the park from 9 am to noon. Dress for the weather and bring a shovel if you can. Contact Virginia Bruce, 503-629-5799 for more information.



With the amazing Weed Wrench, holly and hawthorne roots can be easily pulled out by anyone

fortunately, it has also been colonized by some of the aggressive invasive species that we're familiar with including ivy, hawthorne and holly, all of which will crowd out the natives if left unchecked.

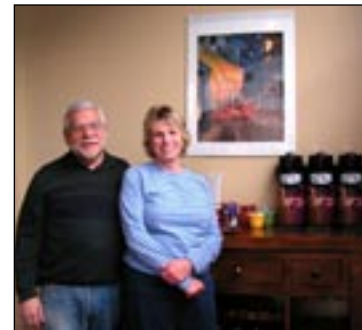
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation

Tilly's opening soon

Cedar Mill will once again have a friendly place to meet and eat, now that Barbara and Paul Anctil have worked their magic on the space next to Walgreens. Tilly's will offer 18 flavors of fresh gelato, a creamy frozen dessert that reminds you of ice cream but has less fat and more flavor. There will also be sorbetto, a dairy-free alternative, and fat and sugar-free versions. Flavors will vary with the season. They'll also serve coffee and espresso drinks made with locally roasted Kobos coffee, and smoothies.

Breakfast fare is an assortment of pastries, both sweet and savory, that are baked fresh on-site every morning. Drop in for lunch to find a variety of panini sandwiches and Harry's soups — a local Portland company that provides delicious soups, many made from organic ingredients.

They expect to be open by Monday, December 11, and their Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, featuring coupons and drawings



Paul and Barbara Anctil welcome you to Tilly's

for prizes including free gelato for a year. Store hours will be 8 am to 7 pm daily.

Paul Anctil was the founder of

Anctil Sheet Metal Co. which just celebrated it's 30th anniversary and is now Anctil Heating & Cooling Co. It is owned by his son, Tom Anctil, since Paul's retirement in 1993. He and his wife Barbara have brought back a selection of one-of-a-kind treasures from their travels that will be offered for sale in the shop, along with Torani flavor syrups and gelato to go. We can't wait!



Tilly's barista Megan Bruce pulls an espresso

Community Calendar

December 12

Sunset Band Holiday Concert, 7 pm, Sunset High Auditorium

December 13

Sunset Choir Holiday Concert, 7 pm, Sunset High Auditorium

December 14

Senders del Saber Open House 10 am - 6 pm at 12640 Saltzman

December 16, 2-4 pm

Pictures with Santa Second Edition Resale

December 16

Cedar Mill Park Restoration Party 9 am - noon, 10385 NW Cornell

December 19

Cedar Mill Business Association Holiday Get-together noon, Cedar Mill Library

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Scouts send snacks to Iraq troops

As part of their service project, the Dragons Patrol from Boy Scout Troop 208 of Cedar Mill decided to collect specific food donations from Safeway store customers and work

roll-ups, etc.), the Dragons Patrol spent six hours on November 3rd and 4th passing out flyers and collected 60 bags of food and over \$40 in cash donations from caring customers. In addition, the scouts and their friends wrote holiday and Christmas cards with greetings and words of encouragement for the troops.

Matthew Shinseki, the Patrol Leader for the Dragons, coordinated the planning for this service project: "The customers at Safeway were very charitable. I

am very grateful that the troops in Iraq will know that the people back home support them," he said. The Dragons Patrol belongs to Boy Scout Troop 208, a large and very active troop with close to 3,000 community service hours in 2006 alone.



Scouts and their helpers, from left to right, back to front: Sarah Woolverton, Matthew Zimmer, Sam Gesko, Matthew Shinseki, Brian Farci, Meredith Woolverton, Courtney Shinseki, & Alex Woolverton.

with the Coalition of Troop Support organization (www.cotssupport.org) to bundle the collected food items into holiday gift packages for our U.S. troops in Iraq.

After creating three large signs and 400 flyers with list of items to buy (e.g. beef jerky, cookies, fruit

Sunset band champions

Sunset High School Band and Colorguard (SAMBA) are the Northwest Marching Band Circuit (NWMBC) 2006 Class AA Champions! Over 3000 students from 28 regional schools participated in the Sunset Classic NWMBC Championship show on November 4, and it was a great (albeit wet) end to a great season. In preliminary competition SAMBA took first place in Class AA, and won caption awards for High Music,

General Effect, Percussion, and Auxiliary. SAMBA placed fourth in overall scoring during Finals competition, and were named 2006 Class AA Champions. SAMBA sends a big Thank You to the many Cedar Mill businesses who sponsor and support the Sunset Band programs, and invites everyone to join them for their Holiday Concert December 12 at the school. Details at www.sambanotes.org.



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Registration for Cedar Mill Little League will open in early January 2007. Boys ages 5-12 years can register for boy's baseball.

Girls ages 8-12 years may register for girl's softball. There will be more information to follow in the January issue of the Cedar Mill News. The CMLL website will also have the information posted in early January. Our website can be located at the following link: www.cedarmilllittleleague.org.

Bring on the boys & girls of summer!



Spanish school open house

Senderos del Saber, a private Spanish language immersion community school, is holding an Open House on Thursday, December 14th, from 10 am to 6 pm at 12640 Saltzman Road (behind Amigos in the "triangle" shopping center south of Cornell Road).

Join us for festive refreshments throughout the day with music, art, and displays for your holiday enjoyment. We'll have a Special Presentation from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. We look forward to meeting you and sharing more about our school so please come by when you have a moment...Senderos del Saber means The path to learning with a purpose.

'Tis the season!

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Holiday Happenings in Cedar Mill

CMBA Holiday Celebration

The Cedar Mill Business Association will host a Holiday Celebration at their regular business meeting on Tuesday, December 19 at noon in the Community Room of the Cedar Mill Community Library. Refreshments will be served.

CMBA will honor past members and will also be presenting a \$500 check to Cedar Mill Community Library Director Peter Leonard.

And don't forget, it's time to renew your membership for 2007. Use the form in this newsletter or renew at the December meeting. The Cedar Mill Business Association is open to anyone who is interested in business in Cedar Mill.

Sunset High Holiday Concerts

The Sunset Band is holding their annual Holiday Concert on December 12 at 7 pm, and the Choir's concert is December 13 at 7 pm. Both events are free and open to the public and will be held in the school auditorium.

Pictures with Santa Claus in Second Edition Resale

You can visit Mr. Claus at the library's Second Edition resale shop on Saturday December 16 from 2 to 4 pm. Your picture will be taken with Santa and every child receives a small gift. There will also be an interpreter for Spanish speakers. The resale shop has a nice selection of decorations and clothing perfect for the holidays.

Library Used Book Sale

Christmas and the Holidays are Here! Put Cedar Mill Community Library's Used Book Sale on Your List of Best Places to Shop! The library has an ongoing regular book sale during library hours. The library book sale features a constantly rotating collection of approximately 1,000 titles for adults and children. The quality is high. The prices are low. Sale items include some library discards, but mostly donated books. The sale shelves are to the left of the library entrance. All proceeds support the library.

Holiday Shopping At Second Edition

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If you enjoy decorating your home for the holidays, make sure you visit Second Edition to pick up value-priced decorations. As our customers purchase new Christmas decorations at other retail stores, they often donate last year's decorations to the resale shop. "Next to new" merchandise is put out regularly in the shop. Decorations that are donated after Christmas are stored for next year.

Second Edition Resale Shop is an ongoing fundraiser for the Cedar Mill Community Library. Shop is at the west end of the Library.

Norman Rockwell Christmas Plates On Display

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Christmas Sale At Second Edition Resale

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Clothing Sale At Second Edition Resale

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Entertainment Books

The library's stack of 2007 entertainment books is dwindling. Don't miss your chance to pick up this money-saving book at the check-out desk for \$30 (\$37 is the standard price). Proceeds benefit

your community library. Out of town books (as well as the Portland edition) can be ordered online and the library will receive credit for the sale. www.fundraising.entertainment.com/esale2.cfm?CI=140469&SI=351724&LI=1 This is a great way to buy out of town books for gifts. View the sample book at the library's check-out desk and see that with even minimal use the book pays for itself. Book contains over \$23,300 in savings. Dining, movie tickets, Safeway & Thriftway coupons and much more!!

Holiday Tree Recycling by Boy Scout Troop 208

Holiday Tree Recycling will take place at Cedar Mill Library AND Cedar Mill School on December 30th & 31st and January 6th & 7th from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Christmas Tree Recycling by Boy Scout Troop 728

Drop off your tree at Somerset Meadows Park (NW Ashland at Somerset Drive) between 9 am - 12 noon Sunday, December 31, Saturday, January 6, or Sunday, January 7. Suggested donation to troop of \$7 per tree. Curbside pickups in some neighborhoods. For information, call Tom Holt at 503-956-7461.

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Transportation planning in the northern Tualatin Valley

By Virginia Bruce

It's probably too late to sort out the mess that is the road network in Cedar Mill. The roads were built to serve the loggers and farmers that first settled the area, following native trails and winding around farm properties to get goods to Portland and Beaverton. When the area began to be more heavily developed in the 50s and 60s, there was no money or strong vision from the County to create a transportation infrastructure adequate to serve future needs. So we're left with attempts to make things work a little better—expanding Cornell, Murray and Saltzman to alleviate some of the congestion and improving intersections to speed up traffic.

Public transportation is seriously lacking in our area, and there are many reasons. Lack of a grid with convenient loops for buses means that bus service is minimal. Spread-out neighborhoods invite residents to use their cars for every trip. People who wish to rely on public transportation simply don't

move here, and so there's little demand from the public to improve the situation.

The MAX light rail system was eagerly anticipated as a way to assist commuters in leaving their cars behind, but now the garage is filled before 8 am on weekdays, so most commuters aren't able to use it. According to TriMet, there wasn't enough money available to build a sturdy enough foundation to accommodate additional floors to the garage. And the Cedar Mill Shuttle, while well-intentioned, serves only a tiny handful of potential commuters.

North Bethany offers hope

Planning for the area called North Bethany, the 800-acre Urban Growth Boundary expansion around the PCC Rock Creek campus, is just getting underway in earnest. Many Cedar Mill residents fear that more people to the north will only mean more congestion for us, as the new residents make their way from Highways 26 and 17 to their new homes. Is there a way to actually plan for adequate routes to get these people in and out?

Metro Planning Director Andy Costugno thinks so. He says, "I think a 'Main Street' type corridor makes sense (for North Bethany)—a very high quality bus route with land uses along it that support easy access to transit and a few sections along the way that are like a Main Street with commercial and mixed-use. Then bus service could be incrementally improved as ridership develops. If a median right-of-way were retained, it could be used for Light Rail or a streetcar at some time in the future. If it never develops, it could simply be an attractive boulevard."

Visionary thinking like that could at least help to handle the transportation needs of future residents. Andrea Vanelli, who is coordinating project administration for Washington County in the Bethany planning process, says, "So far the planning work has been somewhat preliminary—necessary things like providing analysis of existing conditions and early estimates of future needs. The next steps begin some of the more interesting work of compiling all of this site information to begin to see how it may take shape. The early months

of '07 will include an iterative land use-transportation analysis whereby the various components inform and shape different alternatives for consideration."

"So the transportation piece of the work will be at a rather 'sketch' level for a while, however the group's evaluations will be guided by a set of Planning Principles that describe the desire for transportation options that are well-integrated with community design. A planner with Tri-Met is following this work on the project Technical Advisory Committee, and we are relying upon him to help explore far-sighted concepts such as the one Andy mentions regarding a boulevard with a convertible median for future streetcar use."

"As for the larger transportation picture, it's obvious there will be a need for new arterials as part of this growth, and we are coordinating with

North Bethany Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Area



Multnomah County and Metro's Regional Transportation Plan update as part of the planning process."

Light rail is very expensive. The Green Line that will follow I-205, for example, is expected to cost at least \$450 million, and 60% of that is coming from Federal funds, which is much less available these days. So grandiose projects like a new MAX line are currently out of the question. But things can change, and it would be a shame to eliminate the possibility of good transportation in and out of North Bethany by failing to plan for it now.

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