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Affordable Housing project for vacant Murray-Cornell lot

by Virginia Bruce

There finally seems to be a path to a plan for the long-vacant lot at the southeast corner of Murray Blvd. and Cornell Road!

In 2008, Washington County bought the previously commercial

Action" was needed, in December 2012, the county attempted to auction the approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ acre that remained after the intersection work. A high price tag for the small lot, with extremely limited access, resulted in no bids.



A conceptual illustration of the CPAH proposal, looking southeast. The building on Cornell is proposed to include micro-restaurants to be developed with CPAH partner Roy Kim, developer of Bethany Town Center.

properties to facilitate the widening of the intersection. The former property owner was required to undertake a lengthy "remediation" of the land, because of chemicals from a dry cleaning business that had leaked into the soil. Once the DEQ certified that "No Further

Finally, late in 2014, the county hired consultant John Southgate to manage a process to determine the best use of the corner. He has been involved in several downtown revitalization projects around the region. He wrote up a "Request for

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Thompson Woods development approved

On June 20, the Washington County Hearings Officer approved the development application submitted by West Hills Development to build 235 homes in the first project for Bonny Slope West.

The former UGB addition (previously called "Area 93") became part of Washington County in 2014. A long list of "conditions" was included in the decision.

We'll cover it in detail next month, including estimated dates of construction and completion. A copy of the decision will be available at the July 12 CPO meeting, 7 pm at Leedy Grange Hall.



Cedar Hills Park Plan—Inter-Agency Cooperation Brings Impressive Results!

by Virginia Bruce

Neighborhood Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 pm, William Walker Gym, 11940 SW Lynnfield Lane

In 2008, voters approved Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's Bond Measure to improve a number of facilities in their system. One of the parks targeted for improvement was Cedar Hills Park, a nearly 12-acre "Community Park" located at the northeast corner of Cedar Hills Blvd. and Walker Road. In 2013, the District purchased an adjacent 1.6 acres of land from the Beaverton School District, (BSD) with funds from the 2008 bond measure, to improve and expand the park.

The park currently has a community garden, a sand volleyball court, lighted tennis courts, and picnic facilities, in addition to a baseball/soccer field with poor drainage. A grove of large fir trees is located near Cedar Hills Blvd. William Walker Elementary School is adjacent to the park to the east.

Early in 2014, THPRD staff and the project consultant, MacKay & Sposito, developed two conceptual master plans for the redevelopment of Cedar Hills Park. Both of these plans took into account preliminary site and traffic conditions, and they both called for two large sports fields to be constructed in the central area of the park, with little room for anything else. Because of county road requirements, access would have been limited to a right-in, right-out driveway at Cedar Hills Blvd.

Public outreach efforts, including a neighborhood meeting, were held during the summer of 2014. Plans were presented and extensive community feedback was received. Primary concerns from the public

were site access and traffic issues, but many were also concerned about the loss of open space for those who weren't playing organized sports.

As a result, the park district began to re-evaluate project goals and objectives to determine the best way to proceed with the redevelopment. In addition, district staff and the project consultant engaged with stakeholders from other agencies to find ways to better meet community and regulatory needs.

At almost the same time, the Beaverton School District began developing plans for the reconstruction of William Walker Elementary School. (Students from Walker will be among the temporary users of the future Middle School in Timberland). This coincidence led to a creative partnership between



THPRD and BSD, and the two agencies began a comprehensive and coordinated assessment of planning approaches, site designs, and traffic impacts for both redevelopment projects.

With this partnership underway, THPRD and the project consultant met with City of Beaverton, Washington County, and BSD representatives to collaborate on key project issues and explore opportunities for inter-agency partnerships. As a result of this collaboration, a much more appealing and practical plan has been developed.

Neighbors of the school had long been concerned with bus and parent traffic clogging narrow

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Cedar Mill Business Roundup

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

Mid-summer Art, Music & Ice cream

Friday, July 8, 6-8 pm, Skyline Memorial Gardens, 4101 NW Skyline Boulevard

Join us for ice cream, hors d'oeuvres and drinks, while you view the oil paintings of GunMarie Rosqvist and the watercolor landscapes of Maud Durland. Listen to the acoustic tunes of Jim Dorman and enjoy the superb views from our spot atop the hills.

This will be our last month showcasing the wonderful artwork by Rosqvist and Durland. Come learn about our next local artist and what's on deck for art on top of Skyline Boulevard!

For more information, and to get on the email list for future events, contact Rachel Fox at Rachel.fox@dignitymemorial.com or 503-292-6611.

Pharmaca Wellness Events

Wellness events will be taking place at Pharmaca throughout the month of July. Get \$5 off your next \$20 purchase when you attend one of the events below! Ask a Team Member for details. All events listed here take place at the Pharmaca Timberland store, 240 NW Lost Springs Terrace. Saturday, July 16, 1-5 pm

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Join the Pharmaca team for their Beauty Experience Saturdays. Get a chance to try out new skincare and beauty products, talk to a brand specialist and take home free samples!

Tuesday, July 12, 6:30-7:15 pm

Join this important conversation about Candida—the causes and symptoms, and how to prevent it through good nutrition, supplements and lifestyle changes.

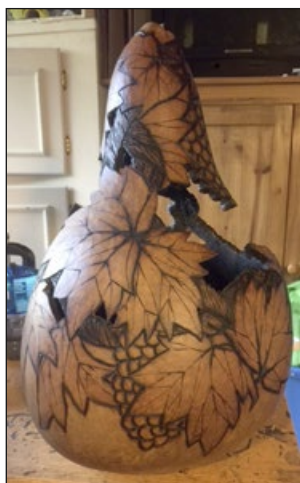
Friday, July 29, 1-5 pm

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Open Studios with Rhonda Gill and friends

July 16, 17, 22, 23, & 24; August 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, & 28, 11 am-7 pm, 1725 SW 218th Ct., Aloha

RGill Designs will be holding a series of open studios. They will be opening their Aloha-area studio complete with all their artwork, for



public viewing. These events will be catered by RhoJo and will include works by other artists like Jon Walters and Rebecca Jane Walters.

In addition to the Open Studio events, Rhonda and her crew will be offering three-day

classes in gourd art, covering basic gourd treatment, care, design, tools, color application, and finishes. All supplies are included in the cost of the classes. Various dates in July, August and September. Dates and fees available upon request.

Private showings and custom classes are always negotiable, just contact them at 503-332-4025 or Ticky37@comcast.net

Village Gallery

Opening Reception Sunday, July 10, 2-4 pm

Mary Burgess teaches watercolor classes at the Village Gallery. She often begins each session with a warm up exercise including "blind"

contour drawings where the artist looks only at the subject without lifting the pen or looking at the paper. Join us for the reception to meet the artists and enjoy these whimsical works of art.

Here is one of the classes offered this summer. For complete details on all classes please visit villagegalleryarts.org Tuesday, August 9, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Suminagashi

Explore this fascinating Japanese paper marbling technique using water-based inks floated on plain tap water. Suminagashi literally means spilled ink. Create intricate, patterned rice papers using this ancient method and then use these papers to build gorgeous layered collages.

The Village Gallery classroom is available for use by any group that needs a place to meet, for \$20 an hour for non-members. Ideal for painting parties, sewing groups, home school classes, informal lectures, or workshops. We have a very simple agreement. Contact the class scheduler, Bobbie Willard, to determine availability of the room and to answer any questions at bobbienewt@gmail.com

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Stride Strong Physical Therapy

Cedar Mill's Stride Strong Physical Therapy is proud to announce



a new addition to their staff team: please welcome Paul Mukai, PT! Paul is a 15-year experienced physical therapist with a Master of Physical Therapy degree from Mount St. Mary's College. He started his

career as an ACE Certified Personal Trainer, and since graduating he has focused his practice on general orthopedic rehab.

Paul has taken on two Director positions at physical therapy clinics in Los Angeles and Portland, in addition to owning a clinic in Fresno, CA. He is known for incorporating Functional Movement Screens into his treatment to advance patients through sports rehabilitation; and also draws a lot of his treatment knowledge from The Egoscue Method, a postural therapy method.

Stride Strong Physical Therapy is in-network with most major insurance groups, and all patients enjoy 45 min to 1 hour treatment times. They are located near Bales Supermarket, and next to the Shell station on Cornell Rd and Barnes Rd. Paul can be personally reached through email paul@stridestrong.com. The clinic can be reached Monday-Friday, 8 am-7 pm at 503-208-6278. For more info on Paul and Stride Strong please go to stridestrong.com/paul-mukai/

Virtue of the month: Mercy

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Affirmation: Mercy makes my life a blessing.

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CPO 1 looks at roads, parks, and coyotes

Tuesday, July 12, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Worried about coyotes? Want to know more about them? How about traffic problems on your neighborhood roads? And if you ever visit Cedar Hills Park, find out about the exciting new plans.

Neighbors from the Butner Road area, and the 107th & Leahy Road area, will visit to share their concerns. Mike Mills, Neighborhood Streets Program Coordinator for Washington County, will also attend to provide more information about what neighbors can do.

Eric Owens, THPRD Superintendent of Recreation, will join us to talk about Cedar Hills Park renovation plans.

And Zuriel Rasmussen, Project Coordinator and Doctoral Student, Geography Department, Portland State University, will talk to us about the coyotes among us.

CPO 1 brings community involvement in Land Use and other issues to residents of Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills. Everyone's welcome to attend. And if you have a concern that you would like to share with neighbors, there's time for that too! Sign up to receive the CPO1 Newsletter, by mail or in your inbox, [here](#).

Legislative Town Hall

Saturday, July 9, 10-11 am, Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave.

Please join Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson and State Rep. Mitch Greenlick for a Northwest Portland Town Hall. Coffee and snacks will be provided!

No picnic

In May, the newly-formed Cedar Mill Historical Society announced a kickoff event, "Picnic with the Pioneers." The event is postponed, however, until a core group of members is organized to help with the planning.

The next Cedar Mill History event will be the Tenth Annual Cedar Mill Cider Festival on Sunday, October 16, at the JQA Young House park on Cornell. Sponsored by the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, our celebration of history, fun, and apples will include an expanded history exhibit along with food, music, community booths and the Country Store.

More information about joining Friends of Cedar Mill History will be available soon. If you use Facebook, sign up on [our page](#) to receive email updates: [CedarMillHistoricalSociety](#).

Propose "Small Road Improvements" now!

Friday, July 15 deadline

The public is invited to propose candidates for small-scale road improvements through the Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation (DLUT). To be eligible, proposed improvements must address safety or connectivity issues on a County road.

To submit a proposal, [review the map of identified small road improvement candidates](#) to see if a candidate has already been identified at a specific location.

To propose a new candidate, [submit an online form](#) or contact the Operations and Maintenance Division at 503-846-ROAD (846-7623) or [lutops@co.washington.or.us](#).

The Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee will consider proposals later this year



for eligible candidates received by July 15. Projects selected by the committee will be included in the fiscal year 2017-18 budget request. Proposals received after July 15 will be added to the candidate list for consideration in next year's project selection process. Candidates that are not selected for funding remain on the list for future consideration. For more information [visit the website](#).

Pie in July at the Market!

Saturdays, 8 am-1 pm, northwest corner of Murray & Cornell

Come on down to the Cedar Mill Farmers Market on Saturday,

July 22, to watch, taste or join in on The Washington County Pie Bake Off. Ever want to be crowned the best of the best? Well Washington County can't do that for you but here's a chance to win the honor of being making the BEST pie in the county!

Register by sending an email to



[ourcmfm@gmail.com](#) with your name and contact phone number. Registration is free! Bring your pie to the Cedar Mill Farmers Market on July 22 for their celebrity panel of judges to assess.

If your pie is a winner, you will reap the rewards: a feature about you in our newsletter (and Cedar Mill News) telling the world that you are indeed the The Best Pie Maker In The County! Along with a gift pack from Cedar Mill Farmers Market and their supporters!

This is a fund-raiser for our Power Of Produce Kids Club. Come on by to watch the action and taste the pie (\$2 a slice)!

Master Recycler Classes

Eight consecutive Wednesdays, starting on September 7, 6:30-9:30 pm, and two Saturdays from 8 am-2 pm on September 17 and October 15, Washington Street Conference Center 225 S First Avenue

Become a Certified Master Recycler volunteer and learn from the experts. You can even share with your neighbors! Sign up today! The deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 3, at 12 pm.

Take an eight-week course on the latest information on consumption and recycling. Then, promise to volunteer 30 hours to share what you learned with neighbors, coworkers and community. There will be a \$50 fee but partial and full scholarships are available without extra application requirements.

Details and the application are available on [masterrecycler.org](#).

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Butner Road neighbors seek traffic solutions

Butner Road runs south of, and roughly parallel to, the Sunset Highway, from Murray all the way to Park Way near the Cedar Hills shopping center. The county classifies it as a "collector," although in many places it's a narrow, two-lane road with no sidewalks or even space for a path. Nice older homes are built close to the road, making any future widening prohibitively expensive and unlikely.

In early June, a group of residents gathered in the fire station community room at Butner and Murray to meet with CPO and county representatives to discuss their safety concerns. Among the problems they spoke about were traffic noise, the lack of pedestrian and cycling space, the difficulty for pedestrians of crossing the road, the speed and congestion of traffic, lack of sight distance, and the frequency of accidents that results from these conditions. An entrance to Commonwealth Lake Park is tempting, but neighbors don't feel safe getting there on foot.

Motorists driving eastbound on the Sunset Highway often exit on Murray and use Butner to cut

pool their resources to buy, install, and maintain a flasher at some road crossings.

Mills also mentioned the possibility of landowners donating Right-of-Way (ROW) to enable the county to create the widened road margins that can serve as pedestrian and bike paths. The Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD) already has Butner on its list of proposed "Small Road Improvement Projects," but the cost of obtaining ROW counts against the likelihood of these projects moving forward.

Many of the neighbors were unaware that they live in urban unincorporated Washington County, and not in a city. Their zip code is Portland, 97225, and they expect city-level services. But they pay county-level taxes, albeit with the surcharge for the URMD. That is one reason that nearby cities aren't in a rush to annex our neighborhoods—there's such a backlog of road and sidewalk deficiencies that it would break city budgets to try to bring them to urban standards.

People don't expect to be told that they'll have to pay from their own pockets to get needed safety



A narrow roadway makes Butner an unlikely "collector."

through to Cedar Hills Blvd. to avoid the dysfunctional eastbound offramp at Cedar Hills Blvd. It will be several years before that is fixed, if [the proposed partnership mentioned in our May article](#) is implemented. But increased population and infill housing will continue to add pressure to this road.

Mike Mills, Neighborhood Streets Coordinator for Washington County, heard their concerns and shared some suggestions. Although as a "collector," the road isn't eligible for the [Neighborhood Streets Program](#), he said they can

improvements. But in Washington County, that's the way it's likely to stay for a long time.

The Butner neighbors have been invited to attend the CPO1 meeting on Tuesday, July 12. Mike Mills and our County Commissioner Greg Malinowski will also attend to provide more information about what neighbors can do.

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Social media post draws attention to NW Leahy Road safety concerns

by Mary Edwards

Dave Weis has a vision for his home that sits on the corner of NW Leahy Road and 107th Ave. A high tech employee by day, he spends nights and weekends remodeling his older home, ripping out flooring, putting in cabinets and redoing bedrooms. But he's had to set aside his renovation project several times to rebuild his fence, when yet another driver overshot the sharp left turn and smashed into it. One recent crash involved a driver



This photo was taken by a previous owner of Dave's place. A stolen vehicle crashed through the fence and knocked over a shed!

swinging wide, smashing through his fence, pushing a large boulder some 15 to 20 feet into his yard, and just nicking a large pine tree before coming to a stop. The driver survived, though it could have been otherwise if he'd hit the tree square. Weis wasn't home that night. He came home to a note from a Washington County sheriff's officer explaining about the crash.

In his seven years in the house, he's built a collection of crash photos at that corner. They weren't all drunk drivers like the guy who t-boned his fence the last time. The crashes happen at all times of the day and seasons of the year, with new-comers unfamiliar with the road, as well as locals who've lived there for years, he said.

In June, he took his story to Nextdoor, the neighborhood social media platform. He told of seeking some kind of remedy from Washington County. He had reached a tipping point to act when

he began walking to the Timberland Market of Choice, a mile from his home. He noticed how fast people were driving, heading south on 107th from Cornell (the posted speed is 35 mph to Leahy and 25 mph past the curve). The curve from 107th to Leahy is tight and poorly banked. The two stop signs, one on Leahy, that says drivers needn't stop if turning right, further complicate things. "I was blown away that the county didn't

seem to know about this," he said.

Weis believes a three-way stop and reduced speed limit on the entire section of 107th would improve safety and reduce crashes. While researching another traffic issue in Multnomah County, he found a sympathetic traffic engineer who directed him to a Beaver-

ton traffic engineer, who in turn directed him to the Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation. And that's where he met a roadblock that prompted him to ask the Nextdoor community about their views of the traffic control in his neighborhood.



To join the discussion about NW Leahy and 107th, or simply connect to others in your area, become a member of [Nextdoor](#), a free and private social network for neighborhoods. Residents join based on their immediate neighborhood, but can opt to post to other area neighborhoods too.

Members can post alerts, events, news, items to sell or give away, requests, or recommendations. Replies come into a member's email inbox, and you can choose how often you receive updates. Members also are encouraged to invite neighbors to grow the connections.

To join, new members must verify that they live within the neighborhood. Information shared on Nextdoor is password-protected and cannot be accessed by those outside the neighborhood, or found on Google or other search engines. Nextdoor does not share personal information with any third parties. See this article in the [February 2015 issue of The News](#) for more information.

His post is titled "Trying to make the corner of NW 107th and Leahy safer – help?" Along with his overall concerns about safety, he shared an

email from Sarah Owens, a county traffic engineer, who told him the road is a "collector," whose 35-mph speed limit and stop signs fall within federal standards. His request for a speed reduction would be denied, she said, because "85% of traffic is traveling at 40 mph. This tells us that the posted speed of 35 mph is appropriate, if not too low, for the majority of traffic." (see sidebar)

As for an additional stop sign, Owens said the traffic volume doesn't warrant it. She did concede that a sign to warn drivers of the curve was a possibility. "The data has been collected for Leahy Rd., but has not yet been analyzed. I can move Leahy

Rd. up on the list to ensure that the curve

signs at this location meet the current Federal standards."

Weis' Nextdoor exchange touched a nerve. He got 16 comments from neighbors who told their own stories about the intersection and wondered about federal road standards that seemed to discount safety for all road-users. Richard Tullis, who has lived on Leahy Road for ten years, said, "We've heard neighbors' suggestions over the years to add speed bumps and/or to decrease the speed limit on NW Leahy Road. This is not a new problem, Washington County is slow

to address the increased traffic from new homes and housing developments."

Weis also drew the notice of a



Dave Weis says he's repaired or replaced his fence about six or seven times since he has lived here.

Washington County Sheriff's officer who emailed him privately to say he spent a shift measuring drivers' speeds with a laser on 107th, south of Leahy. His report: "Virtually everyone is speeding. Most of them live in this neighborhood. I only issued one citation and several warnings. I will follow up with the traffic team and make sure they give this some attention."

Weis is looking for a more permanent solution than occasional law

enforcement presence. One of Weis' respondents suggested a petition drive, but he hasn't decided on that yet. While he's not happy about dealing with insurance companies and building/rebuilding fencing, Weis is most concerned about the safety issue. "I'm tired of replacing my fence and have thought about putting up bigger boulders. But I don't want to create a death trap just because the county won't do anything about this."

Weis and some of his neighbors will be attending the CPO1 meeting on Tuesday, July 12, along with neighbors along Butner Road, who have similar safety concerns. Mike Mills, Neighborhood Streets Program Coordinator for LUT, will also attend to provide more information about what neighbors can do.

The Washington County website includes an informative page about Speed Zones. Apparently, the new fashion in speed determination is the "85% rule." Learn more here: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/TrafficEngineering/DesignInformation/speed-zones.cfm

"Warrants" is a technical term in traffic engineering, referring to Federal guidelines that jurisdictions must follow when installing traffic control. If the county installs signs that don't meet the guidelines, they can be held liable for accidents.

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Mike Dahlstrom named to lead the new county-run Community Engagement program

Earlier this month, Washington County announced that Michael Dahlstrom will lead the county's broad community engagement effort, including providing administrative support to the county's Community Participation Organization (CPO) program. Dahlstrom will begin his appointment on August 1. Dahlstrom has been a senior planner with the Washington County Department of Land Use and Transportation, where he has worked since 2008.

Washington County has had probably the most robust citizen involvement program in the state of Oregon, ever since Goal 1 of Oregon's Land Use Laws mandated that citizens be involved in land use decisions. The CPO program has been managed by a team of people working for the Oregon State University Extension Service, but in late 2014, we learned that OSU wanted to end the relationship. Since that time a "transition" process has been unfolding to figure out how the program will continue.

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) created a Transition Planning Team to explore "a broad range of public participation models and strategies" and to develop "several options for Board consideration so that a transition can be made in early 2016."

The team worked over an eight-month period, through discussions facilitated by a consultant, to identify options for managing and staffing the CPO program within the context of an enhanced community engagement program. After discussing a range of potential institutional hosts, the County Administrative Office was chosen as the program's new home, with oversight to be provided by the new manager. More information about the process can be found at [the project's website](http://the.project's.website).

Dahlstrom says, "The CPO program is a cornerstone of the County's public involvement efforts and has served many community members well for decades. Transitioning the program management to the County brings a host

of potential benefits to the CPOs, the County, and the community at large. Having more exposure across departments and divisions

allows increased availability of vital information to the community. Building on the County's history of collaboration with our cities, service providers, and regional partners, there is opportunity to increase the breadth of information out to all our communities."

"I bring to the program years of public involvement and public policy mediation experience. As a local chapter board member of an international public participation organization, I'm exposed to evolving best practices and have even had the privilege of crafting some that have received national recognition. I'm also actively engaged in assessing online technologies as another tool for participation. I look forward to bringing this experience to the new community engagement program."

Volunteer leaders in the CPO program applaud the choice, recognizing Mike's engagement and respect for the voices of the community, as well as his understanding of the strange animal that is Washington County, with its large Urban Unincorporated Area, along with its diversity of land uses and populations. Two members of the previous Extension staff are continuing as county employees, and web and other program services are currently transitioning to county management.

Dahlstrom continues, "Most important are the people involved. I look forward to supporting the great CPO staff and finding opportunities to build additional resources, as well as building upon the relationships that I, and the staff, have with CPO leaders and members. We are in this together and share the goal of informing our communities, and providing opportunities to be part of the decisions that affect their, and our, lives."

Onward, uppity citizens!



Grow Organically

Lovely Invaders

by Margie Lachman

Beware of plants described with words like "spreads quickly," "covers area in one season," and "self-seeding." If a plant takes over the garden by crowding out others, it's no joy. Following are a few garden favorites that can take over if left to their own devices.

Many of us have been warned about mint and how pervasive and invasive a plant it is. This doesn't mean you can't grow it. Planting it in a pot will confine it nicely; but make sure to place the pot on the patio because mint roots can wiggle through drainage holes and take root when the pot is placed on top of the ground!

Most mints don't seed themselves in the garden except for Corsican mint. This is sold as a steppable ground cover to plant between pavers. It works fine for that and has a lovely fragrance when walked on. But when this mint flowers it seeds itself around the garden in shade or sun. If you don't want Corsican mint everywhere, don't plant it.

Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*) brings a bright gold color note to pots, but roots appear wherever it touches soil. Crimson flag (*Schizostylis coccinea*) is an attractive plant that is nice for cutting, but in our garden it has become a thug! I spend lots of time removing it. It spreads aggressively by seed and rhizome.

Lady's mantle (*Alchemilla mollis*) seeds itself generously if flowers are left after fading. As it's an attractive edging plant, Lady's mantle is welcome in my garden. But if you plant it, be aware that it will wander if left to make seed. The chartreuse flowers can be removed to prevent that. It will re-bloom at least once each year.

Houttuynia cordata, also called chameleon plant, has lovely leaves of red, pink, yellow and cream that smell like orange peel when crushed. In the ground this is an aggressive grower that can be a nightmare to control. If you must have it, grow it in a container away from the ground. Japanese anemone is a great autumn bloomer that likes dry shade. It can be a spreader with tough roots in good soil.

Most herbs are well behaved. But I planted golden oregano in our front garden and it has nearly taken over the neighboring plants. Al-

though it must be pulled out, I will leave a small patch or two for the bees, who adore it. If it becomes too difficult to control, I will replace it with a lavender for the bees. Lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*) is also an eager spreader.

It would be great to have a magic wand to wave away garden plants that become undesirables. Calling Harry Potter!

Questions? Email me at mar-gierose2@gmail.com or call 503-645-2994.

Viva Village July Events

The public is invited to participate in any of these events! They are a great way to meet Viva Village volunteers and supporters in an informal setting.

Monday, July 11, 7-8:30 pm

Village 101: Introduction to Viva Village and the Village Movement. Ninety percent of older adults want to remain in their own homes as they age, rather than move to a retirement facility. Learn how Viva Village is making this a very real option for Beaverton area residents by attending this lively and informative session. Private home in Beaverton's Charlais subdivision (West Union/Bethany/South Claremont Streets). RSVP by calling 503-312-7675 or emailing VivaVillageOR@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

Book Club: The Gift of Caring: Saving Our Parent from the Perils of Modern Healthcare. Private Home. RSVP to VivaVillageBook-Club@gmail.com or call 503-644-7417.

Thursday, July 21, 6:30-8:30 pm

Third Thursday Social: Giovanni's Restaurant, corner of Hall and Broadway, Beaverton.

RSVP to VivaVillageSocial@gmail.com or call 503-644-7417.

Saturday, July 23, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Viva Village Potluck Picnic: Barsotti Park, 15510 SW Blanton, Beaverton

Bring your potluck dish and the family. Covered picnic tables. Games for the kids. For details, call Bonnie Barksdale at 503-841-2358.

Tuesday, July 26, 9:30-10:30 am

Men's Coffee Break: Java Lounge, corner of NW Cornell and NW Dale Ave., Cedar Mill. No program or agenda, just sipping and good conversation. Contact Ross Miller at 503-713-3563.

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neighborhood streets. The plan includes a new park and school entrance, complete with a four-way stoplight, on Cedar Hills Blvd at Huntington Avenue. A shared access drive leads from there through the park, past the single large sports field and other planned park amenities, to the school, with a planned turnaround for buses. The Walker Elementary plans are not complete yet, so the exact route past the school hasn't been designed.

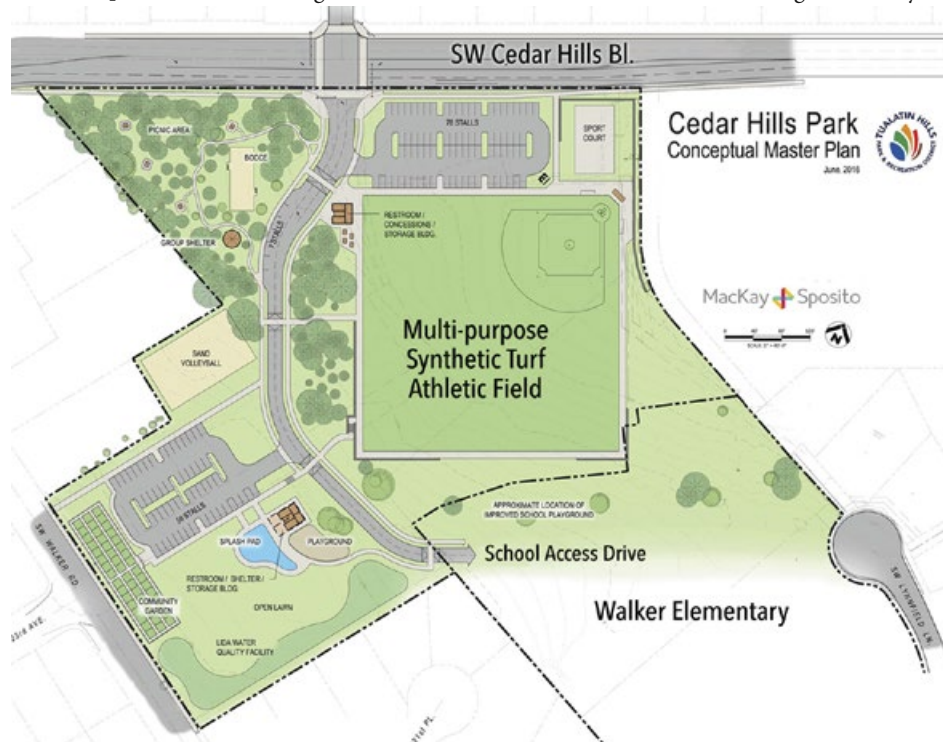
Park users expressed a strong preference for keeping as many of the large trees as possible. The new design puts picnic facilities and a bocce ball court in the grove, and preserves the majority of the firs and also some large oak trees that are in the center of the park.

The popular sand volleyball court will be moved to a new location. The tennis courts will be replaced with a multi-use sport court, but there may be a possibility of lighting the Cedar Park courts in the future, which are just up the road.

The well-used community gardens will be relocated to the south area of the park, adjacent to a new parking area, which will be more convenient for gardeners unloading supplies. Near the garden will be a play area aimed at younger kids. It

will include a "splash pad," which is an interactive water play installation that will operate seasonally and be free to park visitors. An adjacent restroom, picnic shelter, and storage/maintenance building will provide additional amenities and make it easier for park staff to maintain the splash pad. A playground for school-age children will be shared

will be presented to the THPRD Board during its August 16 meeting, hopefully leading to approval at the October board meeting. It will go to Beaverton for approval in January 2017. If the permitting process goes smoothly, plans are to begin construction by June 2018. The total project budget is \$6,300,000. Washington County



with the redeveloped school, for public use outside school hours.

The large, lighted, synthetic turf sports field will accommodate both a full-size baseball field and an "under-12" soccer field. A new parking area planned next to Cedar Hills Blvd is designed to make it easy for both parking and drop-off for players. A "sport court" is planned next to the parking area and sports field. Some have suggested that it could accommodate a pickle ball court, a newly popular racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis.

The proposed park master plan

and BSD may share in some of the costs of the final project.

This design process, although long and arduous for those involved, demonstrates the remarkable results that can be achieved when the various agencies that serve our area get together to cooperate. Nearly a dozen separate agencies provide services for the 50,000 residents of urban unincorporated Washington County. There is currently no regular meeting for all these agencies to discuss their intersecting issues, projects, and goals. Perhaps this project will serve as an example to encourage a more formal, ongoing collaboration process.

Preservation Class

Wednesday, July 20, 10- 11:30 am,
Washington County Museum at PCC
Rock Creek, 17677 NW Springville
Road

Do you have unique collections of family photos or archives stored in the back of your closet or in the attic? Would you like to know how to store them correctly? Sign-up for the Museum's Intro to Preservation Workshop! The workshop is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Members.

Museum Educator Heather Fer-

guson will describe the problems that can arise from poor storage and handling, and she will give alternative and inexpensive suggestions on how to better care for photos and archival collections. The workshop will include a short behind-the-scenes tour of the Museum's collections and storage area to show examples of "best practices" for preservation. Visit [the Museum website](http://theMuseumwebsite) to register.

Garden Club Picnic

July 20, 11:30 am, 1898 NW 129th Place

The Cedar Mill Garden Club is holding a potluck at Sue McConnell's home! All guests are welcome and encouraged to bring a dish and your chair. To RSVP call Garnet Ascher at 503-292-4460.

Library News and Events

by Dawn Anderson

Don't let the kids have all the fun this summer, sign up for our adult summer reading program. Register at the library or at wccls.org/asrp. We are drawing from all summer reading entries for prizes every two weeks. Be sure to join us for these free events:

Songwriters in the Round

Friday, July 8, 6:30-7:45 pm

Singer/songwriter Steve Hale, "the ambassador of song," leads a trio of accomplished songwriters who play original compositions and tell the personal stories behind each piece. This special Music on the Mezzanine event will take place on the main floor of the library.

Grow Your Own Microgreens

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30-7:45 pm

Chance Corbeil will discuss nutritional microgreens, the trendy young vegetables in the specialty section of the grocery store and on select restaurant menus. He will

Summer Reading for Adults



provide seeds, soil and containers so you can take home your own microgreen planter. Registration is required for this free workshop. Call the reference desk at 503-644-0043 ext. 114 to reserve your spot.

Gardening for Bees

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

Bees, including honeybees, mason bees and bumblebees, are one of our most important pollinators. Loss of habitat and pesticide use have stressed their populations. An OSU Extension Service master gardener will share how you, as a gardener, can make a difference. Topics include types of common bees and their needs, good plant choices and more.

Ronnie Robins & the Rhythms of Brazil

Friday, July 29, 6:30-7:45 pm

Honoring the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Ronnie Robins plays his gentle Brazilian Rhythms of bossa nova and samba on the acoustic guitar. This special Music on the Mezzanine event will take place on the main floor of the library.



Nature Play Needs Your Help

Did you grow up exploring the woods near your house, or wandering through fields and along streams with friends? Then you have experienced nature play!

What is nature play? It is any kind of play that takes place in nature and/or with natural elements. Nature play has proven to be a valuable part of childhood development, and several studies show that it contributes to the intellectual, physical and emotional development of young people. However, not everyone is fortunate enough to grow up with such freedom in the outdoors.

THPRD is committed to investing resources into projects that yield opportunities for people to connect with nature at an early age. "Nature play areas are more open and inviting spaces for

children to freely play," says local naturalist Michael Barton. "These areas require children to actively move their bodies, utilize their



The Nature Play area at Tillbury Park

often latent imaginations, interact with other children in meaningful ways, and connect to the environment surrounding them."

BSD adds school days

The Beaverton School District is pleased to announce the addition of two student contact days to the 2016-2017 calendar. This is the result of a new contract with teachers that will add a total of nine student contact days over three years.

- 2016-17: Add two student contact days
- 2017-18: Convert four staff development days to student contact days
- 2018-19: Add three student contact days

The agreement provides students with more full weeks of school and improves overall continuity for learning. Another important element of the agreement is providing teacher collaboration and professional development time to address gaps in student achievement and improve teacher practice.

Beginning one year from now (2017-18), this collaboration time will be accomplished through an early release of 90 minutes every Wednesday afternoon. The number of instructional minutes does not change; however, the calendar provides more full weeks of instruction and continuity for learning.

Details will be available as the implementation plan is developed with input from staff, parents and community.

View the revised calendar for 2016-17. The revised calendar for 2017-18 will be released prior to winter break. For more information visit the BSD website here.

Would you like to volunteer in a unique capacity, on your own schedule? THPRD would love your help collecting data on their nature

play areas to better understand how they are being used. These surveys are 30 minutes long and can be performed at any time of day. The time commitment for this opportunity is about four hours a month, over a three-month period.

One of the newest Nature Play locations is at Roger Tilbury Memorial Park in Cedar Mill, located at 965 NW 93rd Ave.

For more details and requirements [click here](#) to download an information sheet, with a link to an online application. For a list of the district's nature play areas visit [this web page](#).

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Expressions of Interest,” which is somewhat less formal than an RFP (Request for Proposals) that was issued in August 2015. Four proposals were received, including two food-cart projects, a conventional strip mall, and an affordable housing project.

In October, Washington County created an evaluation team to hear the proposals. I was invited to represent the community, along with Chuck Richards of Sunset Athletic Club. Other team members were County Commissioner Greg Malinowski, County Chair Andy Duyck, Deputy County Administrator Rob Massar, Stephen Roberts, Special Projects Coordinator for county Land Use and Transportation (LUT), and LUT Director Andrew Singelakis, along with Southgate.

After hearing presentations from the four groups, the team selected two projects to move forward: Valerie Hunter’s VH Development, which built the wildly successful

The Barcelona at Beaverton, and The Watershed at Hillsdale.

In March of this year, Hunter pulled out of the competition, because the property was too small for



We'll have to put up with the vacant lot for at least another year. Maybe we should have a dance!

Happy Valley Station food cart concept; and Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) which has built and is in the process of building several low-income housing developments, including

the project that she wanted to build. Since then, the county has been working with CPAH to determine how to move forward with their proposal. They will require both subsidies and fee waivers from the

county, and they will need to secure substantial funding from Federal, State and other sources.

Massar says, “The Board of Commissioners will consider an exclusive negotiation agreement with CPAH at their July 19 meeting. The agreement would be for an initial 180-day period, with possible extensions so they may do their due diligence and continue to put their funding in place.” Massar estimates that it may take up to a year before a final agreement is in place. After that, designs will be finalized and the permitting process will begin.

We’ll cover more details about CPAH and their plans in future issues. I’ve been waiting a long time to share the story of the quest for the best use of this important corner of Cedar Mill, and I look forward to covering the progress as it unfolds. I still love the idea of a food cart installation: we’ll just have to find another spot!

Concert & Theater in the Park Series begins

July 7-August 25, various locations and times

The six-event series includes one live theater performance – Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” – and five live music performances, each at a different THPRD park. Shows typically run 6-8 pm. These performances are designed to unite friends, family and neighbors at several community parks while providing outstanding musical entertainment. At most shows, THPRD will provide the Nature Mobile, the Rec Mobile, face painters and other activities. Event sponsors and community partners will also participate. Food and drink will be available for purchase from local vendors.

“This is our twelfth straight year offering high-quality entertainment in a park setting in the summertime,” said THPRD’s Deb Fife, who organizes the performances. “The fact that all of these shows are free just makes it even better. It’s

one way for us to give back to our community that helps make us a successful park district.”

This summer’s lineup includes American Idol finalist Britnee Kellogg (country) at the Cedar Mill concert on August 11, Steve Hale & the Super Soul Heroes (funk), and



Country singer Britnee Kellogg headlines the Cedar Mill Park event

Dancehall Days (pop).

The July 14 show features 14-piece ensemble Banda Aguila performing big band sounds of central Mexico. That show, at Center Street Park, will be the district’s first concert collaboration with the

City of Beaverton. At 5 pm, Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle will host a Picnic in the Park with a free meal for guests while supplies last. The THPRD concert begins at 6 pm.

Here is the complete 2016 Concerts & Theater in the Park schedule. All shows begin at 6 pm unless otherwise noted:

- July 10 Schiffler Park “The Tempest,” Original Practice Shakespeare Festival
- July 14 Center Street Park, Banda Aguila (mayor’s picnic at 5 pm, concert at 6pm)
- July 21 Greenway Park, Steve Hale & The Super Soul Heroes
- Aug. 11 Cedar Mill Park, Britnee Kellogg
- Aug. 25 Raleigh Park, Dancehall Days (at 5:30 pm)

For more information, including park addresses and directions, visit the [district website here](#).

In addition to THPRD’s free shows, music lovers can purchase tickets to see The Temptations at the HMT Recreation Complex (15707 SW Walker Rd., Beaverton) on Saturday, August 20. The Motown



The Temptations

super group will headline the park district’s annual Groovin’ on the Grass show.

General admission seats are just \$20 in advance and \$30 on the day of the show, which begins at 6 pm. Children under age 5 will be admitted free. Groovin’ tickets can be ordered online through August 19 at thprd.org/groovin.



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New café opens at Cornell Farm Nursery

Open daily 7 am-3 pm, 8212 SW Barnes Road

Cornell Farm is a fourth-generation family farm located in the West Hills, just up Barnes Road. At this point in their history, they're a retail nursery—growing and selling plants of every kind for your garden



and home, but the Blatter family has been in this same spot since 1926, where they started out as a goat dairy.

"Our customers have been begging us to do food and drinks in the Farmhouse," recounts Deby Barnhart, Cornell Farm co-founder. "The farmhouse is an iconic part of our identity, so it was important for us to preserve its charming architecture, built-ins, and fixtures, inside and out." Cafe seating is available both indoors and on the patio behind the house, surrounded by the new quarter-acre display garden.

Cafe manager and executive chef Sara Strong, graduate of the New England Culinary Institute, can't wait to begin serving the dishes she's been imagining over the last six months of preparation. She helped design the kitchen, which,



she says, "allows us to create Northwest-inspired, mainly farm-to-table, seasonal breakfast and lunch menu items, as well as pastries, and baked goods made from scratch every day." Take-out will be available, so a breakfast stop can include purchasing lunch to go. The menu includes gluten-free goodies. Many dishes incorporate fresh herbs from their gardens.

In addition to food, the café has a full espresso bar, including coffee sourced from two of the region's finest roasters—Caffe Umbria of Seattle, and Sleepy Monk of Cannon Beach. Specialty teas and cold beverages are also offered.

Plenty of free parking is available around the café and nursery. Enter via a right turn from Barnes eastbound, or by turning left off Barnes onto SW 82nd across from Leahy Rd.

Hoffman Gallery re-opens after renovation

Oregon College of Art & Craft is excited to announce that the Hoffman Gallery reopens, as of July 9. In June, the Hoffman Gallery underwent a renovation to expand dedicated exhibit space, update climate control and lighting, and increase security.

In partnership with Disjecta Contemporary Art Center, OCAC's Hoffman Gallery will host a Portland 2016 Biennial Contemporary Art exhibition, featuring work by Ellen McFadden and Howard Fonda, curated by Michelle Grabner. The show is one of many Biennial events happening in Oregon this summer, July 9 through September 18.

Water District Seeks Volunteers for Rate Advisory Committee

Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) is looking for individuals living within the District who are interested in serving on a limited-duration Rate Advisory Committee. The committee will work with TVWD staff and an outside consulting firm to develop recommendations on rate designs and other potential approaches that maintain the affordability of water for financially vulnerable customers.

Rate Advisory Committee members will be appointed by the TVWD Board of Commissioners in July. Members will be expected to attend one meeting per month for five months beginning this August. Meetings will be two hours in length and held in the evening at District headquarters in Beaverton, 1850 SW 170th Ave. near the Elmonica MAX station. At the conclusion of the process the committee will provide policy recommendations to the Board.

The District is interested in volunteers representing a diverse range of interests, including residential, commercial, institutional, low income, and multicultural. Geographic, age and gender diversity of the committee is also desired. The ability to represent and understand a variety of perspectives is needed.

Anyone interested in serving is invited to email a letter explaining their interest and stating their background and qualifications, including what makes them a good fit for the Rate Advisory Committee, to alex.cousins@tvwd.org by July 20. Questions about the committee process can be sent via email or by calling (503) 848-3012.

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people in Washington County, Oregon. The service area covers more than 44 square miles and includes portions of the cities of Beaverton, Hillsboro and Tigard. More information about TVWD can be found at www.tvwd.org.

Shakespeare Comes to Beaverton

Friday-Sunday, July 7-10, The Round, 12600 SW Crescent St

Alisa Stewart, artistic director of Experience Theatre Project, describes the project as long overdue, stating, "I'm eager to invite the community to experience free Shakespeare this summer without having to drive through the Vista Ridge tunnel."

"Our production style is different from most 'Shakespeare in the Park' productions. We produce immersive shows, which brings audiences much closer to the performers. The show will be full of beautiful costumes and original music with live musicians and acrobatic fairies. We are also including kids from our summer kids' camps to perform as fairies. Those kids will love the chance to perform in a Shakespeare play in front of a large audience."

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