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Washington County News

Harrington resigns as County Chair

Following unprofessional behavior during a Board of Commissioners (BCC) Work Session on September 15, and after three of the BCC members [issued a statement](#) on September 17 calling on her to resign, former County Chair Kathryn Harrington [announced her resignation](#) on September 21.

Her offensive gesture, raising her middle finger toward Commissioner Nafisa Fai, wasn't the first time she demonstrated contempt and disrespectful behavior towards Fai and others involved in county government, including staff and volunteers. In 2022, as reported by the Oregonian, an [independent investigation found](#) she had brought a staff member to tears because she yelled at her, belittled her, and used profanity. Other employees left their jobs because of the toxic work

environment. Her chief of staff resigned the previous year for the same reason. An outside attorney was hired to investigate. Neither investigation found sufficient evidence to accuse her of violating county policy, but they cost the county significant expenditures.

In March this year, following a report of a similar event, Harrington admitted to mental health issues and [promised she would pursue treatment](#). At that time, she said she would step back from some of her official duties.

Harrington's last day in office was October 2. Until a new chair is sworn in next January, Commissioner Jerry Willey will preside over board meetings.



Washington County Commission Chair Kathryn Harrington is shown here in a July 2025 commission meeting. Photo by Holly Bartholomew / OPB

Road news

Construction continues on the Kaiser Road project (Springville to Brugger). According to a September 30 update [on the project page](#), there will be "intermittent lane closures 9 am-3:30 pm weekdays. Expect delays with flaggers directing traffic. Buses and emergency vehicles will be given priority. Construction began in May and is expected to finish in August 2027.

The Walker Road and Murray Boulevard intersection project began in April with completion expected around Fall 2028. Currently crews are finishing in-water bridge-related work for the winter. Due to work area restrictions, bikes may share the lane with vehicles during construction. New bike lanes will be installed throughout the project area when construction is complete.



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A road closure is planned for summer 2027 for a bridge replacement on Walker Road.

Visit the [project page](#) for more information and updates.

New "Community Engagement" program meeting

Thursday, October 8, 7 pm, Cedar Hills Recreation Center, Room 3, 11640 SW Park Way, or online: [Zoom link](#)

District 2 SPARC meeting

Now that Washington County has discontinued the CPO system, they have initiated [SPARC](#) (Strengthening Participation and Reaching Communities). They replaced over a dozen regional groups with four, aligned with Commissioner districts. We are in District 2. Meetings for each district will be held every other month.

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Holiday tree lighting

Sunday, December 6, 5-6 pm
(lighting at 5:30, subject to change),
Milltown Plaza, 12535 NW Cornell

Planning is underway for the annual tree lighting event in the small plaza next to Insomnia Coffee. The Cedar Mill Business Association, Cedar Mill News, Milltown Center, and others are sponsoring the event.

There will be music, refreshments, and a collection for coats and other winter wear for [Beaverton School District's Clothes for Kids](#). Bring clean gently used (new is great too, of course) children's coats, jackets—large and extra-large sizes

are especially needed. Also NEW socks and underwear in children's

and adult sizes, and hats, gloves, and other cold weather wear is needed. There will also be a QR code so you can donate money, used to purchase new socks and underwear. Start saving items now.

Final details for the event will be in the November issue. Put it on your calendar

now! Parking will be available in the upper lot, the library lot, and other nearby lots—leave time to walk as it's always limited.



November Election Information

You'll be receiving your ballot in the mail soon if you are a registered voter. You can still register or change political party affiliation for the November General Election on November 3 until October 13. [This county web page](#) has links to forms to register, update your address, or change your party affiliation.

Once you have filled out your ballot, you can mail it, although this year election officials recommend using one of the [official dropsites around the county](#) or bringing your ballot to the Elections Office, 2925 NE Alcock Drive, Suite 170, Hillsboro. It will be open from 7 am- 8 pm on election day. ([You may also choose to vote in person at the office](#) any time before or on November 3.) There are dropsites in front of both the Bethany and Cedar Mill Community Libraries that will be open after ballots are mailed. All ballots must be in a dropbox or at the election office by 8 pm on

November 3. The county Election Division will certify the election results to the appropriate elections officials by November 30. You can track your ballot by [signing up with BallotTrax on this page](#). Participating voters will receive notifications throughout their ballot's journey by text, e-mail, or voice alerts.



Campaign finance information

You can do your own research on who's funding which candidates. Oregon Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office maintains Orestar, a database for campaign funding, with information on who's financing Oregon and Washington County candidates. Campaigns must report donations and expenditures. Unfortunately, it's not super easy to use, [but here's a guide](#). If you want to spend a little time to understand who is paying to get someone elected, take the plunge!

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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

Bethany Village Halloween Hunt

Saturday, October 31, 1-3 pm, 4720 NW Bethany Blvd., free



Inviting all ghouls, goblins, and Baby Yodas to enjoy a fun walk throughout Bethany Village Shopping Centre for an entertaining afternoon of trick-or-treating on Halloween!

What's New Furniture exclusive discount!

Mon.-Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5, 1026 NW Murray

The newest business in Cedar Mill is offering a discount for Cedar Mill News readers! Just bring in this issue, or mention us when you shop, or use the discount code in their ad (page 5) to get 10% off all merchandise (one per family).

You'll love shopping in their beautiful new store, in the former Miller Paint building, across from Safeway. They have a wide variety of eclectic chairs, stylish sofas,

and trendy accents, and you can customize most pieces with your own selection of fabric. They believe that furniture shopping should be a fun and stress-free experience, so instead of high-pressure sales tactics, you'll find helpful support and friendly conversation.

Thank You for a Great Market Season and It's Not Over Yet!

Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, 9-2 pm, corner of NW Cornell & Murray Roads

The Farmers Market this year was a huge blast and we're still going strong! Although the season is wrapping up, the market will continue into the first three weeks of October. Excitingly, we are celebrating our second annual Kid Entrepreneur Day on our last market day, October 17! Come out and support these creative kid vendors, selling their handmade projects!

Our farmers will have delicious squashes for your soups, pumpkins for jack-o'-lanterns, and apples



for a scrumptious pie! We'll have pamphlets on pickling and freezing, so your produce can last throughout the winter! So come stock up on fresh, local, fruits and veggies!

Thank you for another amazing season, Cedar Mill! Remember to spend your Double Up Food Bucks at the market as they expire at the end of the year!

Mad Greek Deli closing

The building on the NW corner of West Union and 185th has been home to several restaurants over the years. The Rock Creek Tavern closed a few years ago and [The Mad Greek Deli](#) took over. It had formerly been at the SE corner of the same intersection.

Now the owners are closing the business on November 28. Owner Jake Marks says the building has been sold and economic pressures "have made it impossible to con-

New Businesses

Portland's Creo Chocolate now open at Cedar Hills Crossing

Cedar Hills Crossing, 2855 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., Beaverton

[Creo Chocolate](#),

the family-owned craft chocolate company founded in Portland in 2014, opened its first location outside Portland at Cedar Hills Crossing in September. The Cedar Hills shop is Creo's fourth location and the first the family has opened outside central Portland. The Beaverton storefront features a case full of truffles, various chocolate covered products, and seasonal goodies.

Creo is run by father and son Tim and Kevin Straub, who partner with a single-family farm in Ecuador to produce their chocolate. The beans come directly from the farmers at Hacienda Victoria to their Portland factory. The process to turn the beans into their award-winning chocolate takes three days of work. They welcome the public into their Chocolate Lab for Build-

tinue." The downtown location will stay open.

Massage & Spa at Bethany has grown!

4720 NW Bethany Blvd., Suite F-2

Since the article in the [February 2017 Cedar Mill News](#) we have expanded into a beautiful new space in Bethany Village and we now have a team of approximately 22 employees.

Our new spa features private infrared sauna rooms with showers, advanced facials and HydraFacial treatments, body treatments, spa rituals, and what we believe is Portland's only adjoining-room

massage suite. The suite consists of two private treatment rooms connected by a large sliding doorway, allowing couples, friends, and family members to enjoy massages together while retaining the comfort of their own rooms.

We have also been honored with the 2025 Best of the Rose City Gold

a-Bar experiences to learn more about the process.

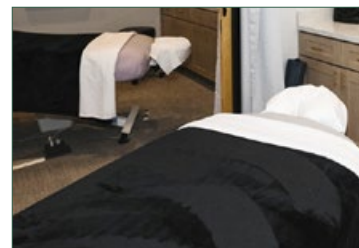
"We started [Creo] with a raspberry farm in Ridgefield, WA. While running the farm, we started making chocolate for family and friends, and things got a little out of control. Next thing you know, we're opening up our fourth chocolate shop," says Kevin Straub.



The Art of Problem Solving

11786 NW Cedar Falls Dr., near Even Hotel

AoPS Academy is opening its newest location soon, providing an enrichment program for grades 1-12, with after-school and weekend classes in math, language arts, and science for highly-motivated students. Students develop their creativity, critical thinking, and complex problem-solving skills with outstanding peers and mentors. The program has been meeting on the Catlin Gabel campus. The company has campuses all over the US. [Learn more here.](#)



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Tired of Crossing Your Legs When You Sneeze or Laugh?

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Your pelvic floor may be trying to tell you something. Bladder leakage and urgency are incredibly common—but that doesn't mean you simply have to live with them. Whether changes began after having children, with age, or you've noticed leaking when you laugh,

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The agenda includes an introduction from current District 2 Commissioner Pam Treece, followed by a presentation on “Washington County Structure” and future meeting topics, presented by the [Office of Access and Opportunity](#) Staff. The final agenda topic is Service Provider Updates. It is unclear when the public will be able to comment.

[The meeting agenda is on the county website here.](#)

To access the meeting by phone - Please dial +1-669-900-6833. Press *6 to unmute to provide comments.

Cornell Road Recovery Transitional Housing update

by Washington County Housing Services

Thank you to all of those who attended our Good Neighbor Agreement meeting on August 18. Representatives from [Washington County Housing Services](#) and [Helping Hands](#) were in attendance to answer questions and work with neighbors on translating concerns into actionable elements of the agreement. Feedback, including input on the shelter's name, was reviewed and incorporated into the Good Neighbor Agreement draft.

We are excited to share that the community vote has resulted in a new name for the recovery center. With strong community consensus, the shelter's new name is Sunrise Hope Center. A final agreement is still being drafted and will be published [on our webpage](#) when ready.

[Updated information is on this page.](#) We want to extend our appreciation to nearby neighbors and businesses for their engagement, thoughtful feedback, and commitment to shaping this agreement that fosters community trust and accountability. For additional questions or to be added to the interested parties list, please email Homeless_Services@Washington-CountyOR.gov.

Cost overrun

by Virginia Bruce

During the [October 6 meeting](#), Washington County Board of Commissioners will consider an additional \$2 million+ to complete the project. “The primary drivers for the renovation cost increase are changes in scope to address ad-

ditional security measures, HVAC, the pool, and plumbing, as well as additional building infrastructure needs found once the building envelope was opened.” According to the [Staff Report](#), there will be no county budget impact because “these funds are included in our FY 26/27 budget for homeless services capital projects.”

Adopt-A-Landscape: a simple way to make a big local impact

Washington County's [Adopt-A-Road/Landscape program](#) gives organizations, schools, businesses, families, and community groups a simple, hands-on way to care for



the roads and medians we all use.

When a group adopts a section of road for at least two years, they complete just two cleanups a year, an easy commitment that still creates a big, noticeable impact.

Anyone age 12 or older can take part, and the County provides all safety vests, equipment, and warning signs to keep volunteers safe.

It's easy to choose a location using the [County's interactive map](#). If the road your group wants isn't listed, staff can help check whether it's eligible. Groups also receive recognition with County-installed signs that celebrates their commitment to keeping our community clean.

Community Programs Coordinator Sherri Grey says, “People in our community are incredibly enthusiastic about keeping Washington County roads litter-free, and it's a joy to help arrange that opportunity.”

Ready to get your group involved? Applications are available online and County staff are ready to help your team get started. Contact mlutadopt@washingtoncountyor.gov or call 503846ROAD.

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Elections in Oregon

The Oregon Secretary of State's website has a [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) that may be helpful to you in understanding how Oregon elections work, as well as a [general information page](#). Information on all Oregon races, measures, and candidates is available from [Ballotpedia](#), “a free digital encyclopedia of American politics, and the nation's premier resource for unbiased information on elections, politics, and policy.” [Vote411](#) also has [information](#) on voting in Oregon.

Candidate Forum for County Chair and District 4 commissioner

Thursday, October 15, 7 pm,
Charles D. Cameron Public Services Building, 155 N 1st Av, Hillsboro

The Oregon League of Women Voters is proud to sponsor a forum for the following positions:

Washington County Commission Chair with candidates Nafisa Fai and Pam Treece (running to succeed Kathryn Harrington), and Washington County Commissioner District 4, with candidates Steve Callaway and Kipperlyn Sinclair.

Parking is available at the rear of the building, and an easily accessible door is located by the parking lot.

Full information on candidates is in the website article of the [current Cedar Mill News](#).

Floss & Run

Sunday, October 18, 8:30-10 am,
Rock Creek Country Club, 5100 NW Neakahnie Av., [register here](#)

The Sunday before Halloween candy collection is a great time to floss and then run/walk to raise funds for children's free dental care and education on the Tooth Taxi! Runners and walkers can learn to floss before their respective races. In addition to a re-useable swag bag with a Tooth Taxi headband, dental- and health-related items, a raffle ticket, and free entry into a putting contest, each finisher receives a medal. Age categories and registration fees are on the [registration page](#).

The Dental Foundation of Oregon's Tooth Taxi provides free dental care and education to children who are uninsured, underinsured, unhoused, rural-based, and/or experiencing a dental emergency. For more information, go to dentalfoundationoforegon.org.

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Portland: tell PGE Forest Park is not for sale

By Carole Handy, Forest Park Conservancy

Last May the Portland City Council voted 12-0 to deny PGE's application to log 4.7 acres of Forest Park to upgrade power lines. They unanimously rejected PGE's application agreeing with a City staff report, Forest Park Conservancy (FPC), and Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) testimony that the project violates the [Forest Park Natural](#)

Resource Management Plan

long-standing public policy that protects Forest Park from non-park related development, requiring adherence to strict land-use criteria designed to project this important public resource. PGE appealed the decision to the Land Use Planning Board. Following a mediation process requested by PGE, the City of Portland and PGE signed an agreement for a new application. The City Administrator directed staff to write a favorable report supporting the new application in exchange for \$5.5 million that supposedly will mitigate the loss of nearly five acres of healthy forest lands.

PGE's revised application is not substantially different from the original application, yet the city is poised to accept this deal. The \$5.5 million will not mitigate the environmental damage to 4.7 acres of intact, mature forest and the headwater stream it protects, the critical wildlife corridor it is part of, or harms to the surrounding forests in the northern management unit of the park that is supposed to be most protected. The money is intended for mitigation in other areas of the park, but it cannot fully mitigate the fragmentation of a closed canopy, loss of habitat connectivity, or loss of habitat for red legged frogs and other species of concern living in this area. The forest loss is permanent—no trees will be allowed to grow underneath the new power lines. As seen under other PGE power lines nearby, there will be a dramatic increase of invasive plants.

FPC and other conservation organizations including Bird Alliance of Oregon, Forest Park Neighborhood Association, Sierra Club, 1000 Friends of Oregon, and 350 PDX

among others [stand in opposition to this new application](#) and encourage the public to raise their voice during the public hearing process which is now open for comment. The public hearing on this application is scheduled for October 14. From now until October 13, the public can submit written comments. They can also sign up to present oral comments the day of the hearing:



Written comments should be sent to the Hearings Office by October 13: [HearingsOfficeClerks@portlandoregon.gov](#). Be sure to include Hearings Office case number 4260012 with the submission of written testimony. It is advised to include the Planning case number LU 26-051203 CU EN GW. Also, the public is encouraged to attend a rally at the Portland Courthouse on October 14 at 8:45 am.

Get Prepared at a Free "Be 2 Weeks Ready" Workshop
Friday, October 23, 5:30-8:30 pm and Saturday, October 24, 9 am-4 pm, Westbrook Community Clubhouse, 14255 SW 6th St., Beaverton, free, [register here](#)

Get Prepared at a Free "Be 2 Weeks Ready" Workshop

Disasters can happen anywhere, at any time. When a disaster strikes, it could take days or weeks for first responders to reach you. That's why it is important to get prepared.

Join us for a free, in-person workshop to learn how to help your neighbors, club, or other community group get prepared using the "Be 2 Weeks Ready" curriculum, a program developed by the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

Attendance for both October 23 and October 24 is necessary. Participants will receive a free Be 2 Weeks Ready Toolkit booklet, handouts, and other materials. [Registration is required](#). Class size is limited to 35 people. We welcome adults and accompanied-minors, 11th grade and higher, with a parent or legal guardian. No previous experience necessary, except a willingness to learn to help yourself and your community get prepared. Previous experience in presenting, community organizing, or preparedness work is helpful, but not required. Questions? [Contact us here](#).

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Development News

Beaverton Creek Apartments seeks DEQ approval



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality seeks comments on a [Dredge and Fill application from High Street Portland Development](#).

New licensing system available for county dogs

Washington County Animal Services is partnering with [DocuPet](#), a pet registration and lost pet recovery service, to provide residents with a better licensing experience. Dog owners should have received an email or letter from DocuPet about this new partnership.

A key advantage of DocuPet is its HomeSafe lost pet service. Every license includes a unique DocuPet tag linked to a secure online pet profile. If a pet goes missing, finders can quickly reference the code to connect with DocuPet's dispatch team.

All dogs in Washington County must be licensed. Discounts are offered for multiyear licenses, and spayed or neutered dogs.

Pet owners who renew their previously expired dog license before the end of October will not be charged a late fee. More information and a link to the DocuPet platform are available at [WashingtonCountyDogLicense.com](#).



click the Purchase or Renew button.

Inc. who propose to construct 348 multi-family rental housing units at SW 153rd & SW 154th Terrace in Beaverton. The site is just south of Nike Woods.

The developer proposes to impact approximately 0.09 acre of wetlands by excavating approximately 68 cubic yards of native material and discharging approximately 289 cubic yards of clean imported soil within wetlands that discharge to Beaverton Creek. Mitigation will be provided through the purchase of 0.09 credits from Dairy Creek Mitigation Bank.

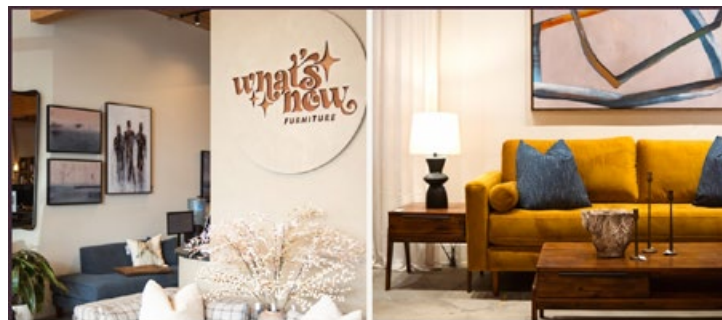
Interested parties can comment by submitting comments by mail: Amber Clark, Oregon DEQ, 475 NE Bellevue Dr., Suite 110, Bend, OR 97701, or through DEQ Online: [ordeq.org/ydo](#). [Visit this page for instructions](#) on submitting a public comment online.

"Bloom" community housing approved.

Washington County Department of Land Use and Development (LUT) approved the proposed development of a [supportive housing complex](#) for adults with neurodiversity and developmental disabilities. "Bloom! A We Built Community" was designed by a group of parents who want to provide supportive housing for their family members that will enable them to live independently in a safe environment while receiving appropriate services.

Jonathan and Elissa Ryan Morris, who are leading the group of parents, anticipated an appeal after facing neighborhood opposition, but the deadline of September 23 has passed without one. A previous apartment development was appealed by the neighbors, and the property owner eventually sold the land to the parents' group. The approval is "with conditions," which is typical for most development proposals, but none appear to be prohibitive. If anyone has questions, contact [bloom.awebuiltcommunity@gmail.com](#)

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Arts & Entertainment

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Friday-Sunday, October 2-18, 18850 Southwest Alexander Street, Aloha, [tickets required](#)

Join the Aloha Experience Theater Project for an immersive adaptation of the classic Agatha Christie mystery, And Then There



Were None. The story takes place inside a remote seaside mansion after a violent storm strands ten guests and their hosts. You'll find yourself sitting with the characters within the house itself. Hear whispered confrontations up close, overhear private confessions, and feel the shifting power dynamics and mounting tension. Though the environment surrounds you, the audience is strictly non-participatory—as a silent witness, you will never be directly addressed by the characters, nor asked to participate.

[Tickets available for purchase here.](#) Discounted tickets available to students, people 60 and over, and people with SNAP.

The Woman in Black

October 16-November 1, Thursday-Saturday at 7 pm, Sunday at 2 pm, The Vault Theater, 350 E. Main, Hillsboro, [tickets required, \\$30](#)



Halloween is back at Bag & Baggage, and it's bringing the crowd favorite, The Woman in Black by Stephen Mallatratt, based on the novel by Susan Hill. Set in a remote English village, the play follows a young lawyer unraveling the secrets of a recently deceased client and

the vengeful presence that doesn't want him to. Chilling, clever, and unforgettable, this show is one of the most celebrated ghost stories ever staged. For more information, visit [The Woman in Black - Bag & Baggage Productions](#).

Special Dates: Preview with discounted tickets, Thursday, October 15, 7 pm; ASL-interpreted performance: Saturday, October 24, 7 pm; Audio described performance: Sunday, October 25, 2 pm

Open Studios Tour

Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18, 10 am-5 pm, various locations, free

For one weekend only, discover the creative pulse of Bethany, Cedar Mill, and Cedar Hills during the sixteenth annual Washington County Open Studios Tour. These vibrant neighborhoods are home to a remarkable concentration of artists who will open their studios,



Pumpkin, by Annie Stalness

share their techniques, and demonstrate their craft. For more information about the 44 artists showcasing this year, visit [Washington County Open Studios Tour](#). You can also view the [Tour Google Map](#) to map out your creative journey.

Beaverton Symphony Opens Season

Friday, October 30, 7 pm, Sunday, November 1, 3 pm, Village Church, 330 SW Murray Blvd, \$20 or pay what you can

Join the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra for their 43rd season concert: Tchaikovsky's Passion: A Symphony of Longing. This concert will begin with Tchaikovsky's



Pathétique, a monument of the Romantic period and arguably one of the most emotionally powerful works of orchestral writing, followed by Bedřich Smetana's The Moldau and two brief poems by Anatol Liadov. The pre-concert talk will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the concert. For more information, [visit BeavertonSymphony.org/FallConcert](http://visitBeavertonSymphony.org/FallConcert).

The American Story Live: 250 Years of Becoming

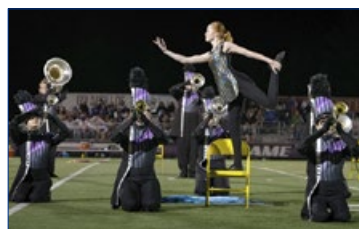
Friday, October 30, 7:30 pm, Patricia Reser Center for the Arts, free

In collaboration with the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts and the Portland Opera, [The Immigrant Story](http://TheImmigrantStory) presents an evening of storytelling and music that invites audiences to experience 250 years of American history through four extraordinary lives. Woven throughout is a stirring tapestry of music—from African American spirituals to gospel, hip-hop, and mariachi—featuring acclaimed artists Alfreynn Roberts, 3rd Twin, and Gemanreida Barragán-Cruz. Together, story and song illuminate the many voices that have shaped—and continue to shape our ever-evolving American story. Pre-event happy hour starts at 6 pm and the auditorium opens at 7 pm. Reserve your tickets today at [The American Story Live: 250 Years of Becoming](http://TheAmericanStoryLive:250YearsOfBecoming).

Sunset and Mountainside Fall Choir Concert

Tuesday, October 13, 7 pm, Sunset High Auditorium (entrance near the west parking lot)

Free and open to the public!



2026 Sunset Classic Marching Band Competition

Saturday, October 10, Sunset High School Athletic Field

This 37th Annual Sunset Classic brings ten bands from high schools in Oregon and neighboring states in a family-friendly marching band competition. For questions or

more details, email sunsetclassic@sambanote.org or visit [Sunset Classic 2026 SAMBA](http://SunsetClassic2026SAMBA). The event usually lasts all afternoon—the schedule will be [posted here](#).

Village Gallery of Arts

The Village Gallery of Arts (VGA) is non-profit and is staffed by volunteers dedicated to art education and appreciation. [Subscribe to our newsletter](#) for updates. Gift certificates for art or classes are available onsite.



ArtChat and Refreshments OCTOBER 11 3-5 PM
Saturday-Sunday, October 17-18, 10 am-5 pm, Village Gallery of the Arts (next to the library), free

Come see artists demonstrating as part of the Washington County Open Studios Tour. With two shifts of three artists each day, there is sure to be something new and exciting to enjoy or learn about for everyone!

Featured 2D Member Show Judge: Kristina Sellers says, "As a 'slice of life' painter, my focus is on humble beauty... Ultimately, my hope is to inspire and encourage others through my art, reminding them to think beyond the here and now, and providing a bright spot of warmth in their home." Visit kristinagallery.com for Kristina's online portfolio, current works, and gallery representation.

Featured 3D: Sabrina Hammer says, "This exhibit is a sampling of my sculptures over the years, land and sea, domestic and wild, with a dash of seasonal and spooky thrown in for fun."

Big and Bold: Judy McIntosh: After a trip to the John Day Fossil Beds, I was inspired to capture the beauty and wonder of the 'Painted Hills.'

Make-a-Mask Drop-in Event

Saturday, October 24, 11 am-1:30 pm, free



Add a creative experience to your Halloween. VGA instructors on hand for support and assistance. Allow 30-45 minutes to make your mask. All ages invited; all supplies provided.

Adult Classes

Watercolor: Japanese Maple in Autumn

Thursday, October 22, 12:30-2:30 pm, \$40

Paint your own watercolor version of a Japanese maple tree resplendent in fall colors, inspired by the



Portland Japanese Garden, in this beginner-friendly class with Beth Pansino. Age 18+; supplies included; max 12 students. Children can be accommodated on a case-by-case basis, email effelynart@gmail.com.

Make Your Own Creepy Creatures Pendants

Saturday, October 24, 2-6 pm,



\$165 + \$70 materials fee

Learn about silver clay shaping and construction as you make creepy crawly pendants with Caitlin McNamara.

You will

leave with ready-to-wear jewelry. Age 18+; supplies included; max 6 students.

Creating with Wool: Enchanted Pumpkins

Sunday, October 25, 2-5 pm, \$35 + \$10 materials fee

This beginner-friendly workshop with Kate Rodrigue guides

students through sculpting a wood pumpkin. Bring one clean cotton or wool sock. Age 16+; max 10 students.



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THPRD News

About THPRD

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning approximately 50 square miles within urban unincorporated Washington County and the City of Beaverton, and serving more than 270,000 residents. Established by voters in 1955, THPRD provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities through 122 parks, more than 85 miles of trails and pathways, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, approximately 1,500 acres of natural areas and more than 16,000 fitness and recreation classes annually.

Get involved at THPRD!

THPRD is recruiting new volunteers to join the district's advisory committees and Budget Committee. It's great way to learn the issues facing the organization and to prepare community members for future elected service. Applications are being taken through October 19. Please consider applying at [THPRD Advisory Committees](#).

Help Design a New Playground

Thursday, October 8, 5-6:30 pm, Bonny Slope Park, 11100 NW Thompson Rd., free

A new playground is coming to Bonny Slope Park! THPRD is enhancing connections to nature by replacing the existing playground at Bonny Slope Park with a new, nature-themed play experience. Enjoy a night out and join us to select the new playground design. Please [visit the project website](#) for more details. (rescheduled because of weather)

Chutes & Ladders Individuals Pickleball League

Thursday, October 8, 6:15-7:45 pm, Babette Horenstein Tennis Center, 15707 SW Walker Road, \$60

Join Coach Brian for a 7-week Individuals Chutes & Ladders Pickleball League. Play three rounds of Round Robin each week. Paddle your way to the top spot. More information at the [event webpage](#).

Glow in the Dark Family Pickleball

Friday and Saturday, October 9-10, 6-9 pm, Babette Horenstein Tennis Center, ages 8+ (18+ after 7 pm), [register using codes TC23719 or TC23720 for adult-only hours](#), \$15 (in-district)/\$13.50 (senior)/\$18.75 (out-of-district)



Get ready to light up the court literally! Join us for Glow-in-the-Dark Pickleball. Wear your bright whites and neon gear and we'll provide the rest – perfect for players of all skill levels. More information at the [event webpage](#).

Cedar Hills Rec Center Updates:

11640 SW Park Way

Join us for a Fall Festival

Saturday, October 31, 11-2 pm, \$10 per child

Bring your family for games, crafts, a sensory room, pumpkin painting, a silly science room, an obstacle course, spooky treats, and more!

Women's Hiking Series—Hike Three

Sunday, October 18, 8-12 pm, meet under covered area, [register with code CH22392](#), \$35 (in-district)/\$31.50 (senior)/\$43.75 (out-of-district)

Experience one of Oregon's most iconic destinations with a guided group hike at Multnomah Falls. This 2.4-mile round-trip hike includes a moderate climb to the upper viewing platform. Enjoy stunning waterfall views, and breathtaking Gorge scenery. Planned pauses for rest, conversation, and photos are built into the route. This class is part of our Women's Guided Hiking Series and is open to women participants only.

Tualatin Athletic Center Updates:

Tualatin Athletic Center, 50 NW 158th Ave., Beaverton

Monster Smash Pickleball Tournament

Friday-Sunday, October 23-25, [register here by October 8, 8 am](#), \$25 per event

THPRD's first pickleball tournament is happening! Players of all levels are welcome to come and compete locally. Round Robin format (skill/age) with playoffs. More details at [pickleballtournaments.com](#).

Walk-tober

Join us at the indoor walking track, starting in October, where staff will help track your accumulating mileage as you walk to different destinations in Oregon.

Cedar Mill and Bethany Community Libraries

Find event calendars, storytime schedules, and more at [Library.CedarMill.org](#). To learn more and register for these events, visit the [Event Calendar page](#) and select the date for the event you're interested in. For more information, call 503-644-0043, visit the website, or email askuscml@wccls.org.

Abbreviations: CML is [Cedar Mill Library](#), 1080 NW Saltzman Rd.; BLA is [Bethany Library Annex](#), 4888 NW Bethany Blvd, Suite K-2; BL is [Bethany Library](#), 15325 NW Central Drive, Suite J-8y.

Multi-Age

Fall Fest & Maze

Friday, October 23, 6:30-8 pm, CML, all ages

Explore a library maze, play games, and enjoy more activities! Costumes encouraged at this after hours event.

Bethany Village Halloween Hunt

Saturday, October 31, 1-3 pm, BL, all ages

Drop by the library for the annual Bethany Village Halloween Hunt to get a treat!

Kids

Storytimes

Learn more at [CMBCL Storytime](#). Find all story times on the [Cedar Mill New website](#).

Not So Scary Finding Game

Friday, October 9, Friday, October 16, All Day, CML

Find the spooky pictures hiding in the children's area and win a prize!

Shatter the Silence (with Rock Dojo)

Saturday, October 10, 11:30-12:30 pm, CML, ages 6-12

A live electric guitar concert and comic book storytelling experience where kids enter a world where music is banned. Kids discover creativity, courage, and their voice. Sponsored by the Cultural Coalition of Washington County.

Diwali Craft

Friday, October 30, 10:30-12:30 pm, BLA, ages 3+

Create a Rangoli craft with provided materials and take home your handmade Diwali masterpiece. Adult supervision required.

Teens & Tweens

Two Day Teen Craft: Glass on Glass Mosaic

Friday, October 30, 2-4 pm and

Saturday, October 31, 11-12 pm, CML, ages 11-18, registration required

Local artist Sharon Dunham leads this two-day workshop where teens create a custom glass mosaic work of art. Day 1: Prep your design, cut glass shards, arrange and adhere them to plexiglas. Day 2: Apply grout to permanently set your design, creating a piece you can hang or display. Please sign up only if you can attend both sessions to complete the project.

Adults

Otherness and Belonging: Otherness as a Gateway to Empowerment and Empathy

Wednesday, October 7, 6-7:30 pm, CML, adults, registration required

Explore how experiences of otherness shape identity and empathy. Facilitator Michelle Fujii leads a reflective conversation on belonging, diversity, and using empathy to bridge divides.

Banking and Finance Apps at a Glance

Tuesday, October 13, 1-2:30 pm, CML, adults

Learn the basics of mobile banking, budgeting tools, and digital payment apps. Includes safety standards banks use to protect your money and tips to avoid scams. Designed for adults ages 55+. Presented by Meals on Wheels People..

Cedar Mill Puzzlers

Third Fridays, October 16, 1-3 pm, CML, adults

A relaxed, drop-in puzzle building session where participants can assemble puzzles, unwind, and connect with others. Puzzles provided.

Writers' Mill meets AI!

Sunday, October 18, 1-3 pm, CML and on Zoom, free

AI is so much in the news, raising so many questions for writers and other creatives. Is it useful, scary, cheating, unavoidable...? Matt Carter will lay it all out for those attending. Bring your questions. Everyone is welcome. Visit our temporary website at [Writers' Mill](#) or ask a librarian for more information.

Owl Book Group

Friday, October 30, 10:30-12 pm, CML, adults

Discuss *We the Women: The Hidden Heroes Who Shaped America* by Norah O'Donnell. Email askuscml@wccls.org if you're new. The group meets monthly and welcomes newcomers.

"Beyond Ready" with 4-H

By Bruce Bartlett

Open House, Saturday, October 24, 10 am-2 pm, Visitation Parish Center, 4189 NW Visitation Road, Forest Grove

The theme of the 2026 National 4-H Week (October 4-10) "Beyond Ready,"

reminds us that 4-H challenges young people to grow a generation ready to become engaged, successful, independent and inter-dependent productive adults. "Head, Hands and Health"

has expanded far from its strong agricultural roots, and today 4-H helps young people explore the real world around them by providing experiences to learn by doing using emerging research for positive youth development. 4-H is recognized for the significant impact it makes by empowering youth with the [skills they need for a lifetime](#).

With over [30 4-H clubs in Washington County](#) and exciting new ac-

tivities like D&D, shooting sports, robotics, civic leadership and a cat club, there's something for everyone to explore! Our [High Voltage](#) robotics team from Bethany competed at the [FIRST® World Championship](#) for the first time this year, finishing



One of the traditional activities for Oregon kids is [The 4-H Wagon Train](#) that teaches history, builds leaders, and creates remarkable outdoor experiences for youth and families.

among the top five alliances in their division play-offs at one of the largest K-12 robotics events in the world.

Interested in joining 4-H? Come to the [4-H Open House](#) to learn more about the programs

4-H offers, and meet 4-H club members and leaders!

4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting six million youth across the country with programs delivered by the Cooperative Extension System—a community of more than 100 public land-grant colleges and universities in every county in the US. Oregon State University very capably fulfills this charter for us.

website or contact the office.

Online Viva Village 101

Saturday, October 10, 10-11:30 am, online via Zoom

An informational session for prospective members, volunteers, or anyone interested in Viva Village. Register on our website or contact the Viva Village office for the Zoom link.

Viva Village Forum

Monday, October 19, 2-3:30 pm, United Methodist Church, Wesley Room, 12555 SW 4th St., Beaverton

Sensing a change in your senses? As you age, have you noticed changes in your hearing, your sight, your taste, your touch, your sense of smell? Join us as Dr. Larry Westerman, Ph.D. in Sensory Neurophysiology, explains: 1) how our senses change with age, 2) how to anticipate and adapt to these changes, and 3) how to possibly avoid them. No charge. Refreshments served. RSVP recommended. Register on our website calendar or contact the Viva Village office.

Viva Village Events

Viva Village is a Beaverton-area grassroots organization of members and volunteers who focus on enhancing and expanding the ways we can age well. We provide connections, programs, volunteer services, and referrals so members can lead engaged, healthy lives. For more information [visit our website](#). Please RSVP for all events by calling 503-746-5082 or [emailing us](#). Links for Zoom meetings will be sent to those who RSVP.

Events open to the public are listed in the print edition of Cedar Mill News. [Visit the web version](#) to find member-only events.

Viva Village 101—in person

Thursday, October 8, 2-3:30 pm, Viva Village Office, 4800 SW Griffith Dr., #102, Beaverton

Meet in our office for a casual small-group conversation with current members and volunteers. Learn about Viva Village and ask questions. Limited to 8. RSVP to reserve your spot. Register on our

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Spotting the Deepfake

By Sunset Credit Union

What is a deepfake? It's an artificial intelligence (AI) generated or manipulated video, audio recording, or image that realistically mimics a real person's appearance or voice to make it look or sound like they did or said something they never actually did. One way a criminal uses a deepfake is to clone

voices or video calls to impersonate company officials or family members to authorize financial transfers or steal data. The quality of these deepfake videos or phone calls has become even more convincing with the development of generative AI, which is technology that creates new text, image, music, videos or code when a person types a request (think ChatGPT, Claude, Google Gemini, etc).

At Sunset Credit Union, we are always on the lookout for deepfake phone calls, which is why we will verify your identity through a series of questions that only the real you will know the answers to. Not all AI is used for fraudulent purposes, however as it becomes a more integral part of our lives, we need to learn how to tell the real from the (deep)fake.

Here are some things to look for to spot a deepfake: Lighting and shadows: Do the shadows and reflections match a single light source,

like the sun or a room lamp? AI often misplaces shadows on faces, hair, or glasses; Blinking and eyes: Watch how the person blinks for unnatural patterns—either too fast, too regular, or completely missing; Skin and edges: Look at the edges where a face meets the neck, hair, or background, is it blurry, flickering or is there a sudden change in skin tone?; Teeth and mouth: Do the teeth look blurry or lack individual



outlines? Lip movements may also drift out of sync with the audio (think old, dubbed movies)' Voice quality: Listen for a flat vocal tone or lack

of inflection, robotic sound, or missing breath noises between sentences, does it sound like the normal rhythm of human speech?; Manufactured urgency: Be extremely cautious if a video or audio call tries to rush you into sending money or sharing passwords. No financial institution will ask you for your credit card number or PIN; Real-time tests: On live video calls, ask the person to wave their hand in front of their face or turn their head sideways to see if the AI glitches.

As always, if you are unsure about a message you receive, go directly to the source of the call, email or video via a trusted phone number or website to verify the information before taking action. Legitimate sources expect to be verified.

[Visit our website](#) or come in to the office at 1100 NW Murray to learn more about your local Credit Union.

Booverton!

Sunday, October 25, 11-3, downtown Beaverton

Beaverton Downtown Association has fun in store! Ride the free Boo Bus around downtown Beaverton to explore activities and surprises. Trick-or-treat at participating businesses. Enjoy live music and Halloween fun at the 1st Street Dining Commons, SW Washington Ave and SW 1st St. Show off those costumes all day long! After trick-or-treating, head to Breakside Brewery from 4-5 PM for our Costume Contest & Family Dance Party, with prize and special guest judges. [Visit our Facebook event page](#) for updates and more details.

Garden & Nature News

Treekeepers of Washington County

We work to protect and advocate for trees in urban unincorporated Washington County. Don't miss our upcoming events! All events are free. [Visit the Treekeepers website](#) to learn more.

Ivy Pulls: join our on-call ivy crew

October-March

English ivy hangs on through winter at a time trees are particularly vulnerable. The invasive vines keep growing while trees are dormant, and the excess weight can increase risks for trees. Help us save trees by removing ivy and other invasive plants that threaten them. Weather makes it hard to schedule events, so please, [sign up here](#) and we'll notify you when there is a good weather window so we can schedule an ivy pulling event.

Tree lover's book club

Tuesday, November 10, 6-7 pm, Cedar Mill Community Library Oak Room, 1080 NW Saltzman Rd.

Join us for our first Tree Lover's Book Club event to discuss Suzanne Simard's new book, [When the Forest Breathes](#). Please read as much of the book as you can before our meeting. We'll also choose a book together for the next meeting, which will take place in January 2027. All are welcome and no reservation is needed. See you then!

Cedar Mill Garden Club meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 10:15-11 am (business meeting), 11-12 pm (presentation)

Our annual installation of officers & business meeting will be followed by a Master Gardener presentation to learn about Plant Propagation. Drop-ins are always welcome. For more information, please contact Cathy at cathyramsey308@gmail.com or 503-866-4222.

Backyard stream stewardship workshop

Saturday, October 24, 8:45-3 pm, 7175 NE Evergreen Pkwy, Ste 400, Hillsboro, [free, registration required](#)

Join the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District for this full-day free workshop to learn more about how to take care of the stream on or near your property. Hear experts from partnering organizations, participate in hands-on

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activities, and an optional field trip. Gain a better understanding of how to improve wildlife habitats, address an overabundance of weeds, reduce erosion, increase soil health, and improve water quality. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit [the workshop information page](#) to learn more! If you have any further questions, please contact Anna at anna.le@tualatinswcd.org.

Friends of Trees Training

Tualatin: Saturday, October 10, 8:45 am-2 pm, Portland: Saturday, October 24, 9:45 am-2 pm, [locations on information page](#)

Want to meet wonderful people, learn more about trees and your environment, and lead climate action in your community? Becoming a Crew Leader with Friends of Trees is a great way to do all this while



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Every Fall and Winter, thousands of volunteers from around the Portland Metro Area gather on Saturday mornings to plant large trees in neighborhoods and native plants in parks and natural areas. Crew Leaders play an important role in making these events safe and creating a positive environment for people to enjoy connecting with the outdoors! No experience is necessary—we will provide the training and make sure you are paired with an experienced crew leader who will help show you the ropes for your first several planting events. Reach out to us with questions at volunteer@friendsoftrees.org or 503-595-0213. Or register

at [this web page](#).

Native plant sale

Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm, Saturday, 10 am-3 pm, through early November, 15655 SW Millikan Way

The Friends of the Tualatin Hills Nature Park maintain the native plant demonstration garden in front of the Nature Center. They are holding a native plant sale at the Nature Center this fall. Funds from the plant sale provide scholarships for nature education, support park improvements, and events.

Fall is the ideal time to add native plants to your garden, where they support native wildlife, increase the resiliency of your yard, reduce pests, and improve soil health. Three dozen species are available to purchase, with daily restocking. Simply pick out the plants you want and take them inside to the front desk of the Nature Center to purchase.

The Friends of THNP will continue to partner with Sparrowhawk Native Plants in the spring for the pre-order sale. Information about that sale will be shared early spring.

Master Gardeners program

Arborvitae and their lookalikes: identification and natural history

Tuesday, November 3, 7-8 pm, Free Zoom Webinar, [Pre-registration required](#).

What is the difference between true Arborvitae (*Thuja* spp.) and false Arborvitae (*Chamaecyparis* spp.)? What is the difference between false cedars (*Thuja* spp. and *Chamaecyparis* spp.) and true cedars (*Cedrus* spp.)? In this webinar, Elizabeth Price will disentangle the confusing naming conventions for these groups of conifers. She will also highlight foliage and cone characteristics for quickly differentiating among these notoriously difficult-to-identify conifers. Price will also discuss the fascinating natural history of these plants, including “Why Arborvitae were named the “tree of life” or “Arbre de Vie” by early explorers” and why warming climate is causing Alaska cedars to die of the cold. Registration link will be active the month the class is offered.

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Native plants now available locally!

By Virginia Bruce

It's been hard for local gardeners to find native plants for their gardens, because all the native nurseries are far away. Vi Nguyen and her husband Jimmy offer a solution. “I started thinking about how difficult it can be to find a good selection of native plants on the west side. And when you do find them, they can be pretty expensive. I wanted to make native plants more accessible and affordable locally.”

Native plants help restore local habitat, support pollinators, and thrive in Pacific Northwest conditions with less water and maintenance. This is a good time to plant natives, especially bulbs. The coming rainy season gives

them time to develop strong roots so they'll be ready to thrive next spring. Vi can help you figure out the best plants for your conditions and plans.

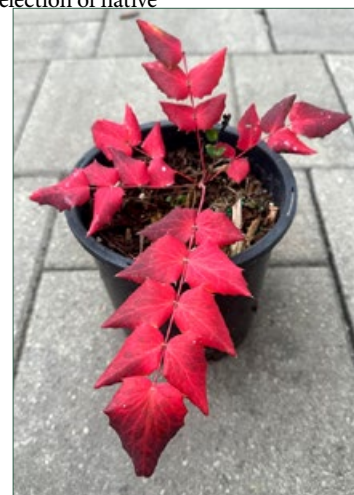
“We don't really consider ourselves a business per se as our mission is more to increase accessibility of native plants on the west side, which is why we offer mix-and-match bulk deals, so community members can access a variety of native plants for their gardens at an affordable price. We use the name Cedar Hills Native Plants mostly to identify ourselves to nurseries when we establish new partnerships.”

She [created a Google Doc with her plant list](#) loaded with pictures and information about each of the plants she has available, how to order, and background on why and how she does this. Her particular interest is procuring plants that are more difficult to find or are expensive at retailers.

She partners with wholesale businesses around NW Oregon to bring plants to her home, so local gardeners can order and pick them up. Viewing and purchasing plants is by appointment only. Payment is by cash, Venmo, or Zelle at time of or prior to pickup.

She says it was hard at first to create partnerships with the nurseries.

She got her Nursery Dealer license with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and “it made it a lot easier for me, though it is still hard, since many wholesalers have a very high minimum order that I would not be able to achieve.”



Cascade Oregon Grape (Berberis nervosa) adds color in the fall and provides edible berries for animals and people! One of the classic natives you'll find in the woods and as landscape plants.

We found her through a post on Facebook, but she says, “Facebook Marketplace has been the biggest source of people finding me. I also use Nextdoor, Craigslist, and I've made a couple threads on Reddit that were popular.” She has an email list where interested gardeners can get updates on plant sales, [sign up here](#).

She is planning for her endeavor to be year-round, although the selection will change quite a bit

seasonally. “I'll continue offering plants through the Fall while I have inventory, and then things naturally slow down over the winter. I'll start building the inventory back up in late winter/early spring as plants become available again.

“Email is probably the easiest way to reach me, especially for larger orders or questions about specific plants. People can also message me through Facebook Marketplace or my phone number. The [Google Doc](#) is the best place to see my current inventory and pricing since inventory changes pretty frequently.

“My husband Jimmy is very involved. By trade, he does data analytics and he created the brilliant spreadsheet that tracks all of our inventory and calculates the total for orders which can get complicated with all the bulk deals we have and all the different plants we carry. Since I work in a clinic and he works from home, he is able to pull orders or help people with plant viewings while I am at work.

“Cedar Hills Native Plants is a family affair. Our dog Lupita is our Head of Security and Groundskeeper. She notifies us whenever someone is here for pickup. Additionally, she generously rented her backyard space for us to store our plants!



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