

WES reduces cost of wastewater treatment capacity project

Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) engineers and experts worked with consultants to reduce the cost of a wastewater treatment infrastructure upgrade that will protect public health, the environment, and future economic growth.

The project at the Tri-City Water Pollution Control Plant in Oregon City will provide additional capacity for the plant's digesters to handle and treat solids, which are a byproduct of sewage from homes and businesses. Wastewater treated and cleaned at the plant is then released into the Willamette River.

WES provides wastewater treatment services to 165,000 customers in Clackamas County. Together, WES' treatment plants in Oregon City and Milwaukie process more than six billion gallons of sewage every year.

WES serves Gladstone, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City and West Linn, in addition to unincorporated Clackamas County, Boring, Fischer's Forest Park, and Hoodland.

After 30 years of service, the populations served by the Tri-City facility have doubled. The plant's digesters are now being overwhelmed by the growing demand.

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Memorial rededication for county's only Medal of Honor recipient, Nov. 9.

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'Great ShakeOut' prepares masses for earthquakes

Practice makes perfect. Practicing the right thing to do for when an earthquake strikes could save your life.

At 10:20 a.m. on Oct. 20, millions of people participated in the Great ShakeOut, the world's most popular earthquake drill. This was an excellent opportunity for hundreds of thousands of Oregonians to **Drop, Cover and Hold On**, the recommended personal protective action to take during an earthquake.

Did you miss the chance to practice, or didn't hear about it? Taking just 60 seconds out of your day a few times a year could make all the difference if disaster strikes. You are more likely to react quickly and properly when shaking begins if you practice how to protect yourself on a regular basis.

We want you to stay safe. When the shaking starts, you don't want to **think** about what to do, you want to **know** what to do. It could save your life.

HOW TO PRACTICE/WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SHAKING BEGINS

Most people have never experienced the kind of strong earthquake that is possible in our area. Sudden and intense back-and-forth motions will cause the floor or ground to jerk out from under you. Unsecured objects topple, fall or become airborne, potentially causing serious injury. It's a panicky and frightening experience.

In most situations, you will reduce your chance of injury with the **Drop, Cover and Hold On** technique:

- **DROP** down onto your hands and knees (before the earthquakes knocks you down). This position protects you from falling but allows you to still move if necessary.

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Krupp's Korner: County ballot issues reflect public priorities



by County Administrator Don Krupp

Hello fellow Clackamas County residents,

Autumn arrived quickly this year and it is a busy one. It's election season! This fall we will be voting on many important positions and issues in Clackamas County, including the following three measures placed on the Nov. 8 ballot by the Board of County Commissioners:

- **Measure 3-502**, Sheriff's Public Safety Levy – if approved by voters, this measure would:
 - > renew the Public Safety Local Option Levy approved by voters in 2011 for five additional years at its current rate
 - > cost property owners 24.8 cents/\$1,000 of assessed value
 - > raise from \$11.9 to \$13.9 million per year
 - > be used to keep open and maintain jail beds, retain deputies and detectives, and continue a drug enforcement program
- **Measure 3-509**, Temporary 6-Cent-Per-Gallon Fuel Tax – if approved by voters, this measure would:
 - > Add a 6-cent-per-gallon motor vehicle fuel tax on fuel purchased in Clackamas County for seven years
 - > Cost the average driver approximately \$22.56 per year
 - > Raise a total of \$63 million over 7 years, 60% for the county and 40% for cities in the county

- > Be used by the county for road maintenance (paving 115 miles of county roads) and safety improvements (curve and intersection warning signs)
- > Be used by cities for transportation projects
- **Measure 3-510**, Imposing a 3% County Tax on Marijuana Sales – if approved by voters, this measure would:
 - > Add a 3% sales tax to the retail sale of recreational marijuana in Clackamas County
 - > Raise a total of approximately \$180,000 per year
 - > Be used for code enforcement, law enforcement, juvenile and adult prevention, dependency and addiction, and public health and safety services

We know from our bi-annual community surveys, as well as public meetings, emails and other input, that public safety and road maintenance are two of the top concerns of Clackamas County residents. These three measures address these important issues. You can read more information about each measure and the exact ballot text on pages 4-5.

The Oregon Secretary of State's Office aptly reminds us of the importance of voting, saying on its webpage, "Only citizens who have the needed knowledge and skills can sustain a democracy" (<http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/toolkit.aspx>).

The County Elections Office will mail voter pamphlets to Clackamas County registered voters in mid-October. I encourage you to read the contents of the pamphlet, research the positions and measures of interest to you, and then take the time to complete and turn in your ballot. For more information about the races and measures, and the election timeline, go to clackamas.us/elections or call the Elections Office at 503-655-8510.

Sincerely,

Don Krupp
Clackamas County Administrator

New resource for farmers launched

Launched this past spring, the Clackamas County ONESop Farmgate is a new website designed to make it easier for specialty crop growers to find the resources they need to be successful. The website makes it simple for growers to search for and find resources and information from public, private, nonprofit, educational and philanthropic entities. The site is part of food-hub.org – a website developed to help wholesale food buyers and sellers do business – and has been designed to meet the specific needs of specialty crop growers in the county.



"Clackamas County farms produce about \$350 million per year, including \$120 million in food products," stated Commissioner Martha Schrader. "And that's just a fraction of the food needs in the region. Our region imports over 90% of our food and food supplies each year. The ONESop Farmgate will help our local specialty crop farmers be more successful, help our agriculture economy grow, provide more locally sourced food for the region, and create jobs."

Visit clackamasfarmonestop.com for more information.

County programs recognized by NACo

Clackamas County was recently honored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) with five Achievement Awards for implementing innovative county government programs:

Adoption of Land Use Regulations for Marijuana-Related Businesses: For the development of new regulations for marijuana land use that involved community members.

RiverHealth Stewardship Program: A grant-funded program implemented by county Water Environment Services in 2013 to help improve watershed health.

Citizen Academy: A free course that encourages residents to learn more about county programs and services in order to foster participation.

Leaders in Sustainability: A program offering customized on-site assistance to businesses seeking to prevent waste, reduce energy consumption, use fewer toxic products, and similar goals.

A Safe Place Family Justice Center: A partnership between public and nonprofit agencies co-located under one roof, providing services to victims and their children fleeing domestic violence, sexual violence, elder abuse, and stalking. Read more in the Sheriff's insert.

CitizenNews

The Citizen News is produced quarterly by the Public and Government Affairs Department (PGA). It is mailed to nearly every household in the county.

Contact PGA about stories in the Citizen News:

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Ensuring future prosperity

The future prosperity of Clackamas County will be built on good-paying jobs. Good jobs that support families are crucial to the long-term economic health of the county.

Currently, the Portland metropolitan area faces a critical shortage of industrial lands. In Clackamas County alone, our 20-year supply of industrial land is short by approximately 1,100 acres. The shortage of industrial land threatens the job and economic growth potential for us all. As the population increases, more land is needed for the business and industry that keep our economy growing.

Your county commissioners have established goals to ensure there are plenty of family-wage jobs that promote healthy, thriving families and communities:

- Goal: By 2019, 10,000 new family-wage jobs
- Goal: By 2020, have and maintain a 20-year supply of serviceable non-retail employment land in the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to encourage employers in Clackamas County

Designating employment land allows communities to plan the infrastructure needed and prepare for the future. The Board of County Commissioners can't just pick a spot and designate it as employment lands, however. The county is constrained by Oregon state law and Metro restrictions. State law mandates that cities and metropolitan areas have plans in place to control urban expansion to protect farmland, forests and natural resources. Metro is tasked with maintaining the Portland-area UGB, a legal boundary which



separates urban from rural land and is designed to reduce urban sprawl. Metro coordinates with cities and counties in the area to ensure a 20-year supply of developable land.

The county also has land outside the UGB, and it is classified in three ways:

- Rural reserves are lands outside the UGB on which urban development is prohibited for at least 50 years. These lands may have working farms, forests or natural features like rivers, wetlands or buttes.
- Urban reserves are lands outside the UGB that may be considered for potential urban development within the next 50 years.
- Undesignated lands are lands outside the UGB that are neither in an urban reserve or a rural reserve. Generally, undesignated lands may not be used for urban development until much of the urban reserve lands are already developed.

The board is examining whether some areas currently designated as rural reserves should be changed to undesignated lands. This study focuses on less than 2 percent of the county's 68,700 acres of rural reserve land.

One other factor that the board is considering is that residents of the now-former city of Damascus voted to disincorporate on May 17, and land use decisions involving that area are now the responsibility of the county. The majority of the Damascus area lands are within the UGB, but no land use plan was ever developed by the city. As it stands now, the county will be responsible for developing an urban level comprehensive plan.

There are no easy decisions. Commissioners have difficult choices and negotiations to make. We all want to ensure we have enough industrial lands available for strong job growth while preserving and protecting our farmland, forests, and natural features. Follow the progress at bit.ly/2bkmwAC.

QUARTERLY NOTEBOOK

Small Grants awarded

Small Grants are doing big things in our communities.



VULNERABLE POPULATIONS TO BENEFIT FROM \$250,000 WORTH OF GRANTS

In early October, commissioners announced the recipient organizations of \$250,000 in grant funds to support organization homeless people, hungry people, foster children, veterans in need, and other vulnerable populations.

This past summer, commissioners set aside this money to support the Small Grants Program, now in its eighth year. The program assists local nonprofit groups with projects that serve some of the most vulnerable populations of our community.

Just some of the worthy awardees include:

- **Angels in the Outfield:** \$7,000 will help prevent homelessness for 14-20 families escaping abusive situations.
- **Building Blocks 4 Kids:** A \$10,000 award will provide training, tools and financial support to children aging out of the foster system.
- **Candlelighters for Children with Cancer:** \$7,500 will help to provide emergency financial assistance to families with children who are fighting or have succumbed to cancer.
- **Lake Oswego Veterans of Foreign Wars:** An \$8,000 award will secure a trailer to store and transport survival bags for homeless veterans.
- **West Linn Food Pantry:** \$2,500 will go toward emergency food boxes.

For a full list of this year's awardees, and to learn more about the program, visit clackamas.us/bcc/smallgrants.html

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

In early October, commissioners unanimously passed a resolution enacting a partial property

tax exemption for the surviving spouses of public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

The exemption affects the surviving spouses of both police officers and firefighters killed on the job. The Oregon legislature unanimously passed a bill in June allowing counties to take this action.

Approximately six other counties in Oregon have made a similar resolution. The discussion can be watched online on the Oct. 6 Business Meeting webpage by first visiting clackamas.us/bcc/.

COMMISSIONERS HOLD BUSINESS MEETING AT FAIR

Commissioners participated in the annual Clackamas County Fair & Rodeo from Aug. 16-21. Commissioners helped launch fair festivities on opening day and individually participated in events and attractions including livestock and 4-H Club shows, the ice cream social, and the opening parade. On Aug. 18, the board's weekly Business Meeting was held and featured presentations from 4-H youth and their animals, as well as a recognition of a county food drive.

There are always fun things happening at the Clackamas County Event Center year-round. Check it out at clackamas.us/fair.

Ballot Measure 3-510: Proposal for 3% county sales tax on recreational marijuana

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners is giving county citizens the opportunity to vote on whether to establish a 3 percent sales tax on recreational marijuana items in unincorporated Clackamas County.



If enacted, the 3 percent tax would be in addition to the 17 percent state sales tax already in place (for a total of 20 percent). The tax would apply, according to state law, to "marijuana, cannabinoid products, cannabinoid concentrates and cannabinoid extracts".

If approved by voters in November, the county sales tax would take effect no earlier than February 2017.

If the measure is approved by voters, the board plans to spend the revenue from the 3 percent sales tax for code enforcement, law enforcement, addiction treatment, and related public health, prevention and safety needs.

In late 2015, the board finalized new land use regulations allowing marijuana businesses to conduct retail, wholesale, processing and production/growing activities in various designated zones. The ordinance included requirements for marijuana businesses on a variety of time, place and manner issues, including odor, lighting, minimum lot sizes, security, waste management, minimum separation distances, water, access and hours.

Details are available on the county's Marijuana Land Uses webpage at clackamas.us/planning/marijuana.html.

Public Safety Levy up for renewal this November; if passed, does not increase taxes

In 2006, Clackamas County voters approved the Public Safety Local Option Levy, renewing it five years later in 2011.

Now it is up for renewal once again — as voters were promised that this levy would never automatically renew, always requiring a vote of county residents.

Measure 3-502 is the 2016 Public Safety Levy. Passage of this measure would renew the existing Public Safety Local Option Levy set to expire in 2017.

If passed, Measure 3-502 would not increase taxes. If passed, this would be a continuation of the existing levy at the same rate. If the measure does not pass, there would be no tax for this levy.

If passed, Measure 3-502 would:

- Maintain 84 jail beds;
- Retain approximately 18 Sheriff's patrol deputies and nine detectives;
- Continue the Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program.

The renewed levy is limited to the five-year fiscal period from 2017 through 2022. Future renewals of this levy would not occur without voter approval.

If this measure is passed, the funds must be used exclusively for the law-enforcement purposes stated in the Ballot Title. (The ballot title is available in the Clackamas County Voter's Pamphlet and online at the County Clerk's Election webpage: clackamas.us/elections/.)

If passed, revenues generated by this measure would:

- Maintain 84 jail beds in the Clackamas County Jail that were opened since the initial passage of the levy. Funding for these 84 jail beds has reduced the number of prisoners released early into the community.
- Maintain funding for approximately 18 Sheriff's patrol deputies, nine detectives and 30 jail deputies.
- Continue the Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program to arrest drug traffickers and those involved in drug-related crimes such as identity theft, property crimes, child abuse, and child neglect.

If Measure 3-502 is not passed, we would:

- Close 84 jail beds;
- Increase the number of prisoners released early into the community;
- Eliminate approximately 50 Sheriff's deputies;
- Eliminate Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program.

This measure, if passed, would cost 24.8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The cost would be approximately \$4.13 per month, or \$49.56 per year, on a \$200,000 home.

It is estimated the proposed rate, if passed, would raise \$11.88 million in 2017-18, \$12.35 million in 2018-19, \$12.85 million in 2019-20, \$13.36 million in 2020-21, and \$13.89 million in 2021-22.

This proposed renewal of the existing levy is limited to the five-year period from 2017 through 2022.

For more information, visit clackamas.us/sheriff.

Countywide Fuel Tax Measure 3-509, if passed, would fund road maintenance and safety improvements

A few facts about roads and road funding:

54 percent of county roads are in fair or poor condition.

It costs up to 10 times more to rebuild a roadway than to keep it maintained, based on data from the Federal Highway Administration, Oregon

Department of Transportation and many other sources. Therefore, investing money in road maintenance today can save additional expense in the long-term.

Under state law, Oregon counties are not permitted to use property tax revenue — by far the largest funding source — for road maintenance, and the county has no local source of funds for roads.

Unlike other metro area counties, Clackamas County does not have a local source of revenue for road maintenance.

In light of this information, the Board of County Commissions has referred a fuel tax measure, Measure 3-509, to the Nov. 8 ballot. Revenue from the countywide fuel tax, if it is approved by voters, would:

- Add a 6-cent-per-gallon tax for motor vehicle fuel purchased in Clackamas County
- Expire after 7 years
- Cost the average driver approximately \$22.56/year*, if they purchased all their fuel in Clackamas County
- Raise \$63 million over 7 years — 60% for county roads and 40% for city transportation projects

*Based on estimates from the Oregon Department of Transportation on the average number of gallons of fuel purchased by Oregon drivers

If the measure passes, county funds would be kept in a separate, audit-ready account and used for:

- Road maintenance (\$32.3 million) — paving 115 miles of roadway
- Road safety improvements (\$3.7 million) — curve and intersection warning signs on rural roads
- The progress of the projects would be tracked online for everyone to see.

For more information about county roads and the fuel tax measure, including a list of roads that would be paved if the measure is approved by voters, go to: theroadahead.us

COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM ... BY THE NUMBERS

1 ferry; 180 bridges; 1,400 miles of roads, including more paved roads than any other Oregon county; 1,900 manholes; 2,400 miles of gravel shoulder; 8,100 culverts; 9,300 catch basins; 26,900 traffic signs; 111,000 linear feet of guardrail





BALLOT MEASURE 3-502

Renewal of Current County Sheriff Public Safety Local Option Levy

Question: Shall Clackamas County fund law enforcement; maintain rate of 24.8 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2017-2022? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary

This measure does not increase taxes. It renews the expiring Public Safety Levy approved by voters in 2011. Renewing the existing levy will allow the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to:

- Maintain funding for 84 jail beds opened since the initial passage of the levy and 30 jail deputies. This has reduced the number of prisoners released early into the community.
- This measure would continue funding for approximately 18 sheriff's patrol deputies and nine detectives that help keep neighborhoods and communities safe in every part of Clackamas County.
- Continue Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program to arrest drug traffickers and those involved in drug-related crimes such as identity theft, property crimes, child abuse, and child neglect. Levy support has allowed the Sheriff's office enhanced drug enforcement program to take numerous children into protective custody.

This measure would cost 24.8 cents per \$1000 of assessed value. The cost would be approximately \$4.13 per month, or \$49.56 per year, on a \$200,000 home. It is estimated the proposed rate would raise \$11.88 million in 2017-18, \$12.35 million in 2018-19, \$12.85 million in 2019-20, \$13.36 million in 2020-21, and \$13.89 million in 2021-22.

Explanatory Statement

Passage of this measure would renew the existing Public Safety Local Option Levy approved by the voters in 2011 and set to expire in 2017.

A yes vote on Measure 3-502 would not increase taxes.

A yes vote on Measure 3-502 would:

- Maintain 84 jails beds;
- Retain approximately 18 Sheriff's patrol deputies and nine detectives;
- Continue the Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program.

The renewed levy is limited to the five-year fiscal period from 2017 through 2022. Future renewals of this levy would not occur without voter approval. The money raised by this measure must be used exclusively for the law enforcement purposes stated in the Ballot Title.

The revenues generated by this measure would:

- Maintain 84 jail beds in the Clackamas County Jail that were opened since the initial passage of the levy. Funding for these 84 jail beds has reduced the number of prisoners released early into the community.
- Maintain funding for approximately 18 Sheriff's patrol deputies, nine detectives and 30 jail deputies.
- Continue Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program to arrest drug traffickers and those involved in drug-related crimes such as identity theft, property crimes, child abuse, and child neglect.

A no vote on Measure 3-502 would:

- Close 84 jail beds;
- Increase the number of prisoners released early into the community;
- Eliminate approximately 50 Sheriff's deputies;
- Eliminate Sheriff's expanded drug enforcement program.

This measure would cost 24.8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The cost would be approximately \$4.13 per month, or \$49.56 per year, on a \$200,000 home. It is estimated the proposed rate would raise \$11.88 million in 2017-18, \$12.35 million in 2018-19, \$12.85 million in 2019-20, \$13.36 million in 2020-21, and \$13.89 million in 2021-22.

BALLOT MEASURE 3-509

Temporary 6-Cent Per Gallon Vehicle Fuel Tax

Question: Shall Clackamas County adopt a seven-year, 6-cent-per-gallon motor vehicle fuel tax dedicated to road maintenance projects?

Summary

The measure imposes a temporary 6-cent-per-gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sales within Clackamas County. The tax revenues must be used as required by the Oregon Constitution for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public roads and streets within the county. The tax is estimated to raise approximately \$9 million per year.

The County will use 60 percent of the net revenue for 47 specific County road paving and saving projects. A list of county projects and their estimated costs can be found at <http://theroadahead.us>.

The remaining 40 percent of net revenues will be distributed semi-annually to the cities in Clackamas County to use for their own transportation projects. Distribution to cities will be based proportionately on population within Clackamas County using figures provided annually by Portland State University.

The tax is implemented in March 2017 and will expire seven years after the implementation date. The County will adopt an ordinance for the administration of the motor vehicle fuel tax, and establish and implement licensing requirements.

Explanatory Statement

Road funds primarily come from motor vehicle fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Oregon law prohibits using ad valorem (property) taxes for roads. The county uses road funds efficiently, but is unable to keep pace with maintenance needs. There is a \$17 million annual gap between funds needed to maintain roads and revenue.

Over 50% of Clackamas County's 1,400 road miles are in fair or poor condition. Every year, a larger percentage of county roads slip into disrepair, and the county doesn't have the necessary revenue to keep up. Waiting also comes at a price, as the cost to reconstruct a road in the future is more than 10 times greater than the cost of providing preventive maintenance today.

Ongoing preventive maintenance is critical to safe roads. Smooth roadways, clear lane markings, unobstructed sightlines, drainage and well-marked intersections help reduce crashes and keep travelers safe.

Oregon law allows the voters of a county to vote to impose a motor vehicle fuel tax. The measure would impose a 6-cent per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sold in Clackamas County. Annual revenues generated by the motor vehicle fuel tax are estimated to be \$9 million. The tax would be collected by the Oregon Department of Transportation and then distributed to the County. The Department of Revenue will charge a fee for collecting and distributing the tax revenues.

The County will receive 60% of the net revenues and use those revenues for 47 specified County road maintenance and safety projects. The remaining 40% of the net revenues collected will be distributed semi-annually to all cities in Clackamas County. Distribution of the net revenues to each city will be based on the proportional population of the city located within the jurisdictional boundaries of Clackamas County. City populations will be determined by the most current figures provided annually by Portland State University Population Research Center.

The motor vehicle fuel tax revenues must be used as required by the Oregon Constitution for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public highways, roads, streets and roadside rest areas in the county. If approved, the County will adopt an ordinance for the administration of the tax. The tax would expire seven years after the date of implementation.

BALLOT MEASURE 3-510

Ordinance Imposing 3% County Tax on Retail Sales of Marijuana

Question: Shall Clackamas County impose a 3% tax on the sale of recreational marijuana items in unincorporated areas of Clackamas County?

Summary

Under state law, a county governing body may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the County imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the sale of retail recreational marijuana items in unincorporated areas of the county by a state licensed marijuana retailer.

Approval of this measure would adopt the Ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of recreational marijuana items in the unincorporated area of the county by a state licensed marijuana retailer. The proposed ordinance is available at the Office of County Counsel and can be viewed on the County's website at clackamas.us/bcc/marijuanatax.html. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer. "Marijuana items" means marijuana, cannabinoid products, cannabinoid concentrates and cannabinoid extracts. Revenues from the tax will be directed towards code enforcement, law enforcement, juvenile and adult prevention, dependency and addiction, and public health and safety services.

Explanatory Statement

Approval of this measure would adopt an Ordinance that imposed a three percent tax on the sale of recreational marijuana items by a marijuana retailer within the unincorporated area of Clackamas County. The tax would apply only to unincorporated areas of Clackamas County. If approved, the annual revenues from this tax are estimated to be approximately \$180,000. The proposed ordinance is available at the Office of County Counsel and can also be viewed on the County's website at clackamas.us/bcc/marijuanatax.html.

There are no restrictions on how the county may use the revenues generated by this tax, but the County proposes to devote the revenues to those services potentially impacted by marijuana sales and usage such as County code enforcement, law enforcement, juvenile and adult prevention, dependency and addiction, and public health and safety services.

Under Measure 91, adopted by Oregon voters in November 2014, codified in ORS chapter 475B and amended by the Legislature in 2015 and 2016, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. ORS 475B.345 provides that a county governing body may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the unincorporated areas of the County, but the Ordinance must be referred to the county voters at a statewide general election. If the measure is approved by the voters, the Ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retail licensee in the unincorporated areas of the county will be adopted. The tax does not apply to medical marijuana. The tax will effective 90 days after adoption of the Ordinance.



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Remembering a Local Hero

County, partners will rededicate memorial for county's only Medal of Honor recipient on Nov. 9

A memorial honoring Clackamas County's only Medal of Honor winner will be unveiled Wednesday, Nov. 9 on the county's Red Soils campus amid the pomp and ceremony typically reserved for military funerals.

Army Specialist Larry Gilbert Dahl, born in Oregon City, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing his life to save fellow soldiers during the Vietnam War. He died Feb. 23, 1971, during an ambush of a truck convoy in the port city of Qui Nhon.

Dahl is one of only eleven Oregonians to receive the Medal of Honor. He is buried at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

The heroic act saved the lives of his fellow soldiers and earned him the military's highest honor which was ordered by proxy to his son Michael by Vice President Gerald R. Ford in August 1974, one day before he became president of the United States.

Michael was six years old.

"We are proud to be able to offer a spot where people can come and contemplate the sacrifice Larry Dahl made for his comrades and for his country," said Commissioner Tootie Smith. "We are honored that our campus was chosen for the relocation of this memorial."

During his time in Vietnam, Dahl was assigned to the 359th Transportation Company in the port city of Qui Nhon, where his duties included

maintenance and mechanical work on convoy supply vehicles.

After helping restore the gun truck *Brutus* (after an earlier ambush), Dahl became part of the truck's crew as a machine gunner. On that fateful day in February, *Brutus* was part of a large fuel convoy with other gun trucks.

The convoy was ambushed by a large enemy force, and an enemy soldier lobbed a grenade into *Brutus'* gun box. Dahl's comrades reported that he shouted a warning and immediately dropped to his knees and covered the grenade with his body. The gun truck crews had a special bond of friendship.

For years, a nondescript marker outside the Museum of the Oregon Territory marked Dahl's ultimate sacrifice. The Clackamas County Historical Society, which operates the museum, is a partner in this project.

The newly located memorial will stand between the county's Development Services Building and Public Services Building near the Circle of Honor which commemorates the actions and sacrifices of local veterans and their families.

The rededication ceremony will feature guest speakers from the military including Brigadier General Steven R. Beach, the Assistant Adjutant General of Oregon, and Major General Thomas Mattson, now retired, who was a Platoon Leader in the 6th Battalion, 71st Artillery unit in Vietnam.

The ceremony will also feature a presentation to Dahl's family. Michael will speak at the event.

More than four decades later, Dahl's sacrifice is commemorated throughout our Armed Forces. Today, there are several military vessels and facilities named in Larry Dahl's honor, including

a 950-foot Sealift Command ship transporting heavy equipment and arms to world hot spots; the Headquarters Building at Joint Use Langley Eustis; and the Physical Fitness Center at Fort Bragg.

A memorial at the Pentagon bears his name, and he is commemorated at the Medal of Honor Grove in Valley Forge, PA.

Learn more at clackamashistory.org, vfwpost1324.org and clackamas.us.



Larry Gilbert Dahl

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE IS ON YOUR SIDE

The Clackamas County Veterans Service Office is tasked with helping military veterans, and their families, receive the benefits they've earned. Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits earned by military veterans are not received automatically, and navigating the benefits process can be confusing. That's where our office steps in. Staff members are well-trained and know how to get you the benefits veterans deserve. We can help with:

- Compensation
- Home loan
- Pension
- Career training
- Health care
- Homeless assistance
- Education

The Veterans Service Office also offers transportation to and from appointments for veterans and their spouses.

For more information, call:

Clackamas County Veterans Service Office: 503-650-5631

Coordinated Housing Access (homeless housing): 503-655-8575

Clackamas County Homeless Veterans Outreach Specialists: 503-650-5775

We appreciate our veterans

Here in Clackamas County, the admiration for veterans – and everything they have sacrificed for this country – is greater than ever. Because of their dedication and service, county officials have made veterans services a primary focus. Judging by the results so far, that focus is finding results.

Moving forward, county officials are extremely excited about what will happen in the short-term future regarding veterans. Our Social Services Division formed a Homeless Veteran Coordination Team a year ago, including several external and internal partners. Team goals are to coordinate services for homeless veterans, streamline access to housing and other critical services, and maximize the resources of each partner so services are efficient and effective for homeless veterans.

Significantly reducing veteran homelessness is a goal within reach due to two new projects. First, a federal and state grant will provide 48 new housing slots for veterans who are homeless and at high risk of homelessness, including veterans with serious mental health issues.

Second, an effort is also underway with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, and regional partners Multnomah and Washington Counties, to organize statewide training for Veterans Service Officers on LGBT veteran issues. This will include helping with discharge upgrades for veterans who were dishonorably discharged under the former "don't ask, don't tell" law. Discharge upgrades will allow more veterans to qualify for a broad range of services and benefits not available to those with dishonorable discharges.

To our veterans: We honor you. All county employees, from commissioners to the support staff you may interact with, support and honor your service to this great nation.



Winter Recreation

Hit the slopes at Mt. Hood Skibowl and explore all that Timberline Lodge has to offer in the latest edition of Inside Clackamas County. Find out how you can enjoy the winter wonderland right here in our backyard. Our series highlights the recreational activities, landmarks and areas that make our county such a great place to live, work, play and visit.

Watch the video at bit.ly/zesypY9

What can you do to save on food?

Imagine yourself in this situation:

You are pushing a cart through your local grocery store. It is the beginning of June and you spot a carton of tantalizing strawberries in the produce section. You weren't planning on buying strawberries today, but they look so good. In the cart they go. You take them home, wash them, and eat a few before putting them in your refrigerator.

A few days later you need room in your fridge but it is full of leftovers you forgot about. You pull the trash can over to the fridge and clean it out. You find those strawberries hidden in the back covered in mold. Into the trash they go.

Does this happen in your home? If so, you're not alone. Twenty percent of food brought into American households is never eaten. The average family of four throws away at least \$589 each year on uneaten food. Not only is this a waste of money, but it is a waste of water, fuel and labor used to bring that food to your table.

Ready to take action against wasted food? Here are tips to help you save both food and money:

1: Shop with meals in mind

Make a list, stick to it and don't cook more than you can eat or store. Find a system that works for you and your family.

2: Prepare now and eat later

Prep ingredients and meals over the weekend to make weeknight meals faster to put on the table.

3: Keep it fresh

Learn how to store your food in the right place to postpone spoilage.

4: Eat what you buy

Reimagine leftovers and extra ingredients. Need creative help? There are websites where you can find recipes based on using the ingredients in your pantry such as lovefoodhatewaste.com/recipes and bigoven.com.

Preventing wasted food is everyone's responsibility. To learn more, visit this regional resource: EatSmartWasteLess.com.



Master Recycler Spotlight: Alex Mihm

There wasn't one specific topic that attracted Alex Mihm to becoming a Master Recycler. Yes, he wanted to know what he could and could not recycle in the curbside bin. But there was more to it. "I'm a contextual learner," Alex admits. "I wanted to know what role I could play as an individual" in the world of reduce, reuse, recycle.



The Master Recycler Program is a volunteer corps in the Portland Metro area. Members take part in an 8-week course where they learn the skills to

make change in their community. Alex is a member of Class 62 from last spring and has already volunteered over 30 hours.

One thing Alex learned from the course was how many resources go into making products we buy daily. While recycling is important, Alex learned "the greenest products are the ones we choose not to buy at all." He now remembers these hidden resources when shopping.

Alex also believes his Master Recycler experience has helped him in his role as the chair of the West Linn Sustainability Advisory board (SAB). The Board is investigating curbside composting and an annual donation and recycling event. "I would not be able to contribute to the SAB work to the same extent had I not become a Master Recycler."

Most of all, Alex has enjoyed meeting new people through the program. "Really, I shouldn't call it a program; it's a community in every sense of the word."

Interested in becoming a Master Recycler?

Visit masterrecycler.org or call 503-742-4463 to learn more.

Inclement weather reminder:

Garbage and recycling service can be disrupted by bad weather

Contact your garbage company to see if collection has been postponed due to unsafe road conditions. Go to clackamas.us/recycling/garbage.html to find contact information.

DON'T TRASH IT. CASH IT!

KnowYourNickel.org

Brought to you by Oregon's Bottle Bill

Mix only these items in your **Recycling Container**

PAPER

- Newspaper
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Magazines and phone books
- Mail and catalogs
- Scrap paper
- Paper bags
- Cartons: milk, juice, soup (rinsed)
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)



PLASTIC

- Bottles
 - Jugs
 - Tubs
 - Nursery pots (larger than four inches)
 - Buckets (five gallons or less)
- Ignore numbers on containers; they indicate plastic resin type, not recyclability*
- Empty and rinse containers*
- Six ounces or larger in size*



METAL

- Aluminum, tin and steel food cans
 - Metal paint cans (empty and dry)
 - Aerosol cans
 - Aluminum foil and pie plates
 - Scrap metal (smaller than 30 inches and less than 30 pounds)
- Do not flatten cans*
- Labels are OK*
- Tin tops are OK if crimped inside can*
- Empty and rinse containers*



In your **Garbage Container**

Plastic film and bags



To-go cups and containers (paper + plastic cups and clamshells)



Frozen food containers



Glassware, ceramics and incandescent light bulbs



Also in your garbage: food-soiled paper, pizza boxes, carpet, textiles, food scraps, containers labeled "compostable," pet waste and diapers. *Some items can be taken to a drop-off center to be recycled or reused.*

In your **Yard Debris Container**

- Leaves and flowers
- Grass clippings
- Weeds
- Tree and shrub trimmings (less than four inches in diameter and 36 inches long)

Do not include:

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Household garbage
- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Food scraps or food-soiled papers
- ✗ Rocks
- ✗ Dirt or sod
- ✗ Ashes
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Oversized items
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Building lumber
- ✗ Stumps

**In cities and urban areas with yard debris service*



In your separate **Glass Container**

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- Empty and rinse containers
- All colors together
- Remove caps and corks
- Labels are ok



On the Side

MOTOR OIL

- Set used motor oil next to your glass bin
- Marked, see-through container with a screw-top cap
- No larger than two gallons

Single-family customers only, not at apartments or businesses



Metro's Recycling Hotline **503-234-3000**

Recycling and Reuse in Clackamas County

Below are some of the reuse and recycling locations convenient to Clackamas County. Call or visit the websites of these organizations for the most up-to-date information about hours, currently accepted materials and any possible fees.

Not sure where to take something? For information, call Metro's Recycling Hotline: 503-234-3000 or look up items on the Find A Recycler website: OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler.

Rigid Plastics

Take non-curbide bulky plastics and rigid plastics to a recycle depot. Bulky plastics include: lawn furniture, crates and storage bins. Rigid plastics include: clean take-out trays, containers and cups.

- **Far West Recycling**
503-200-5411
FarWestRecycling.com
341 Foothills Rd., Lake Oswego
- **Far West Recycling**
503-238-1640
FarWestRecycling.com
4930 SE 26th Ave., Portland



Plastic Bags, Film and Wrap

A variety of plastic film can be returned to **grocery stores** that have bins for plastic bags. Some recycling depots also take this material. Accepted plastic includes produce and bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case wrap, newspaper bags, plastic wrap and air pillows.

- **Far West Recycling**
503-200-5411
FarWestRecycling.com
341 Foothills Rd., Lake Oswego
- **Metro South Transfer Station**
503-234-3000
OregonMetro.gov
2001 Washington St., Oregon City



Bulky Items

Options for getting rid of bulky items, such as furniture and appliances.

- **Donate:** Call **503-234-3000** or go online to search Metro's Find a Recycler OregonMetro.gov/FindARecycler.
- **Curbside pick-up** (by your garbage company). *Call for fees/details*
- **Take to a garbage facility:** Dispose of items at **Metro South Transfer Station** (503-234-3000) in Oregon City or **Clackamas County Transfer Station** (503-668-8885) in Sandy.



Medication

Keep your children and our water safe. Properly dispose of unused medication. It should not be flushed down the toilet! Many police and sheriff offices within Clackamas County have a drop box for unused medications. These drop boxes may not be used by businesses or care facilities.

- **Acceptable items:** Unwanted medications and samples.
- **Unacceptable items:** Thermometers, medical sharps, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, inhalers and iodine.

Alternate medication drop site:

Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility
503-234-3000 | 2001 Washington St., Oregon City



Electronics

Oregon E-Cycles is a free recycling program for computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, mice and TVs. Take up to seven E-Cycles items at a time to a collection site for free recycling.

Locations in and around Clackamas County include: **Goodwill, Salvation Army, Teen Challenge Thrift Store, Deseret Thrift Store, Free Geek** and many other recycling locations.



Household Hazardous Waste

Only Oregon residents can dispose of household hazardous waste at Metro's hazardous waste facilities. Common types of household hazardous waste include paint, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, solvents, medical sharps, pesticides, fertilizers, poisons and aerosol spray products. Metro has a \$5 fee to dispose of up to 35 gallons of hazardous waste.

Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility
OregonMetro.gov
2001 Washington St.
Oregon City
503-234-3000



Donate Your Stuff

Many materials can be donated for reuse in your community.

- **Evergreen Thrift**, Milwaukie
503-653-7510
- **Red White & Blue Donation Center**, Gladstone
503-655-3444 | redwhiteandbluethriftstore.com
- **Deseret Industries**, Happy Valley
503-777-3895 | deseretindustries.lds.org
- **Habitat Restore**, Canby
503-263-6691 | nvwrestore.org



Yard Debris

These facilities in Clackamas County accept yard debris, branches, untreated wood and other materials for a **fee**.

West Linn Dan Davis Recycling Center (operated by Recology)
503-655-1928
4001 Willamette Falls Dr.
West Linn

McFarlane's Bark
503-659-4240
13345 SE Johnson Rd.,
Milwaukie

Metro South Transfer Station
503-234-3000
2001 Washington St.,
Oregon City

S & H Landscaping Supplies
503-638-1011
20200 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin



About Trash Talk

Trash Talk pages are provided by Clackamas County's Resource Conservation & Solid Waste Program, on behalf of the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership: a cooperative of Clackamas County, the cities of Barlow, Canby, Estacada, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, Sandy, West Linn and Wilsonville, and local garbage and recycling companies.

Contact

Clackamas County Resource Conservation & Solid Waste
503-557-6363 | wasteinfo@clackamas.us
clackamas.us/recycling

School Recycling Challenge

Schools and families: Recycle the most plastic film bags (bread bags and more!) and get a chance to win a bench for your school

How does the School Recycling Challenge work?

1. Get started

Interested schools should contact Laurel Bates (lbates@clackamas.us, 503-742-4454) for information and to get started.

The challenge will start on America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, and will end on Earth Day, April 22.

2. Start collecting plastic bags

Identify locations within your school where students, staff and families can bring their plastic bags. The school that collects the most, wins!

3. Weigh the bags

A school volunteer weighs and keeps records of the amount of material collected each month. We have scales to help you weigh.

4. Drop it off

A school volunteer takes the collected plastic to Safeway, Albertsons or other participating retailers.

What you can recycle

Clean and dry plastic grocery bags, packaging wrap, dry cleaning bags, ziploc bags, bread bags, produce bags, ice bags and bubble wrap.

Remember: Do not place plastic bags in your recycling at home or work! You may recycle film plastics like the ones pictured below at participating grocery stores.

Participating schools receive:

Three recycling bins, a poster, magnets for each student and a participation award. The winning school will receive a Trex bench.



Schools compete to collect plastic bags in the Trex School Recycling Challenge.



Recycling at your apartment community

Are you new to the area?

There's a good chance you are renting an apartment, buying a condo or living in a community of five or more units. How and where you recycle and dispose of trash may look different depending on where you live. What doesn't change is your right to recycle.

Oregon law requires landlords to provide you with recycling opportunities and yearly recycling education. You should also receive information on recycling when you move in.

As a resident, you can get help from Clackamas County to:

- Identify what to recycle and what belongs in the garbage
- Learn where to take things that don't belong in the garbage or recycling bin
- Improve the recycling program at your community

You can also contact your property owner or manager for free information and resources.

Are you a property owner?

Clackamas County is committed to enhancing recycling opportunities for your community. Please contact 503-557-6363 or wasteinfo@clackamas.us for free educational materials or assistance with your recycling program.

Order free resources and services online

We offer free recycling resources to meet the unique needs of multi-family communities. Order yours at clackamas.us/recycling/propertymanagers.html.



Genoa Pharmacy opens

In June, Clackamas County opened the new Genoa Pharmacy at Beaver Creek Health Clinic in Oregon City. This new pharmacy, a first for Genoa being placed in a primary care clinic, will help patients get the medications they need easily and conveniently, and provide expert guidance in how to take medicine.

Pictured, from left to right, are: Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas; Genoa's Raymond Morrow; County Commission Chair John Ludlow, Health Centers' Jo Hobbs; Health Centers Division Director Deborah Cockrell; Health, Housing and Human Services Department Director Rich Swift, and Medical Director Andrew Suchocki.



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- **COVER** your head and neck (and your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk. If there is no shelter nearby, only then should you get down near an interior wall (or next to low-lying furniture that won't fall on you), and cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.
- **HOLD ON** to your shelter (or to your head and neck) until the shaking stops. Be prepared to move with your shelter if the shaking shifts it around.

Wherever you are, protect yourself!

Several other questions may be occurring to you. What if you are driving, in bed, in a high-rise building, or at the beach when the shaking starts? Why is Drop, Cover and Hold On recommended? What should you absolutely not do during an earthquake? What should you do right after one? How can you better plan for the unthinkable?

Our Disaster Management Department wants you to be as prepared as possible for any and all major natural or human-caused incidents. Check out our newly-enhanced ShakeOut webpage at clackamas.us/shakeout for answers to all of these questions. Or visit the department's main page at clackamas.us/dm to sign up for emergency text notifications via your cell phone, develop a disaster plan ahead of time for your family, and discover how to better prepare for all types of disasters our area potentially faces.

You can also receive regular tips on events and preparedness by following the department on

Facebook and Twitter (both [@ClackamasDM](https://twitter.com/ClackamasDM)) or signing up to receive notifications over email (click on "Get email updates" at the bottom-right of clackamas.us).

Modernizing public health

The county's Public Health Division is embarking upon a plan to not only save taxpayers money, but keep them healthy in the process.

In July 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed a public health modernization bill establishing a new and equitable model for public health. The new model includes essential services and programs that no person should live without, such as:

- Protection from well-understood diseases like measles and emerging infectious disease like Zika
- Limiting environmental risks by ensuring clean air and safe water and food

"It's very clear that there are gaps between the way our public health system currently functions and what it would look like if it was modernized and funded the way it's supposed to be," said Clackamas County Public Health Director Dawn Emerick. "Improving our public health system would go a long way in determining how quickly the county responds to public health emergencies as well as preventing illness and disease in Clackamas County."

In order to fully implement the law, public health departments completed an assessment earlier this year. The goal was to determine the resources

needed to provide the bill's baseline public health service level across the state. The assessment determined that public health programs are limited, or minimal, in more than one-third of Oregon communities.

In Clackamas County, it is crucial to avoid the predicament that states like Florida now face with the Zika virus. Insufficient funding for ongoing public health programs costs more money down the road and puts residents' health at risk. It is essential that we invest in the Public Health Division's capacity to investigate and respond, its ability to educate and provide timely information and promote its role in leading and building collaboration.

Public health professionals in the county already work tirelessly to keep local communities safe and healthy. With more funding to accomplish the division's goals, though, officials will be able to:

- Create the policies and systems that promote health in our communities
- Respond to emerging health threats
- Meet ongoing local needs like the prevention of heart disease and substance misuse



WANT TO RECEIVE NEWS FROM THE COUNTY AS IT HAPPENS? GET EMAIL UPDATES!

With 24 (and counting) topics to choose from, something will be relevant. Topics include commissioner actions, job openings, and our monthly eNewsletter!

Sign up today at the bottom right-hand corner of [clackamas.us!](http://clackamas.us)

Join a workshop near you

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

As a participant, you'll learn how to better manage symptoms, medications, set weekly goals, problem-solve effectively, improve communication, breathing and relaxation exercises, dealing with difficult emotions, eating well and how to exercise safely.

Classes are filling up soon

These classes start in January of 2017, so hurry to register! For more information or to register, contact Clackamas County's Jennifer Jungenberg at 503-650-5724 or email her at jjungenberg@clackamas.us

Learn more at Clackamas.us/socialservices



Keeping your dog busy on a rainy day

By Laura Perkins, CPDT-KA

It's that time of year in Oregon when the rain and darkness keep us indoors more often. Although we may be content staying home and relaxing more in the winter, our dogs really need the same level of mental and physical stimulation all year long. When we don't give our dogs outlets to exhaust their energy, they may find their own ways to entertain themselves!

Below are some ideas about what to do when it's cold, rainy and dark outside, but Fido is ready to run and play.

Play hide and seek. Let one person hide while another family member stays with your canine friend. Once the person has hidden they should call your pup once or twice and then let him work that brain as he searches for his pal. When your dog finds the hidden person make it really fun - pet, praise, play with or treat your dog. Try to start with easy hiding places and work up to more difficult ones. A variation of this game would be to hide toys or treats for your dog to find.

Indoor fetch or toy play. You may already play fetch with your dog inside. But instead of just throwing the toy once or twice between your own activities, set aside 15-20 minutes to get a full

game of fetch going much like you might outdoors. Chasing bouncing tennis balls can cause your dog to slide and injure herself on hard floors, so try a soft, quiet toy for your games.

Homemade puzzle toys. Be creative and use recyclables to make an inexpensive puzzle toy. You can use a plastic beverage bottle with some treats inside or a box with a toy enclosed. Another fun toy is treats dropped in a muffin tin with tennis balls to cover the treats. Whatever you use, be sure that your dog doesn't ingest anything she shouldn't by monitoring her while she solves the puzzle you created.

Training time. Training is great mental stimulation for your dog and can really tire him out! Even if your

dog is already a model obedience student, he will love to practice what he knows or learn a fun new trick. Be sure to reward your dog when he gets a task right, as that's what keeps training fun for him.

Special chewing session. Chewing can be a great way for your dog to release some energy when you need some quiet time. A great long-lasting chew is a hollow bone or KONG toy stuffed with something and then frozen. The filling can be anything that your dog likes that is a little moist. At Dog Services, we mix a little bit of peanut butter and canned food into the dogs' kibble to fill their daily KONGs. They are always relaxed and ready to nap after they finish working on them.



Why does licensing my dog matter?

Your dog can become separated from you very quickly. Fireworks, car backfires and an accidentally left open gate are all ways pets can begin an adventure that often ends with a stay at the local shelter. If your pet visits Clackamas County Dog Services, the license they wear tells us they have a home with information to quickly reunite you with your pet. Not only is licensing your dog the law, but it will help eliminate stressful searches and allow the shelter to provide emergency care if your pet arrives injured. After you purchase your license, be sure your dog wears it at all times. **A dog license is your pet's ticket home!**



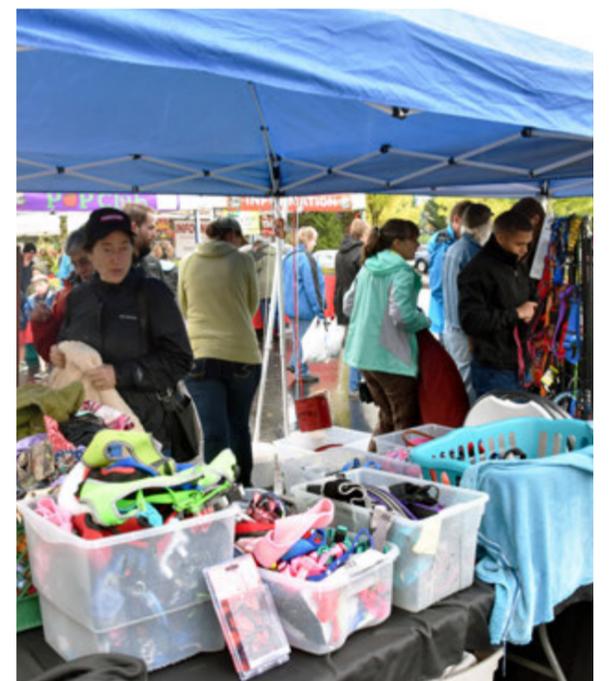
Hound-Me-Downs sale a howling success

The Clackamas Dogs Foundation held its first "Hound-Me-Downs" garage sale to raise funds for county shelter services on Sept. 17 at the Oregon City Farmers Market.

There was a great turnout of local dog lovers who scored some great deals on dog beds, crates, collars, toys and fashionable doggy clothing.

"It was wonderful to see how much support the shelter has in the community," says Sarah Holcombe, Fundraising and Volunteer Coordinator for Clackamas County Dog Services. "We also raised \$1,000 for the foundation."

After such a positive first year, the foundation hopes to make this sale an annual event. A fundraiser for the shelter and great deals for the community; talk about a win-win!



Don't get caught harboring a fugitive. License your dog.



It's the law to license your dog in Clackamas County.

Dog licensing also promotes responsible dog ownership, helps prevent spread of disease by ensuring up-to-date vaccinations, and supports investigations of animal cruelty, abandonment and neglect.

Buy or renew licenses online at clackamas.us/dogs, at many Clackamas County vet clinics, or at the shelter (13414 SE Highway 212, Clackamas, OR 97015).

	Altered dog	Fertile dog
1 year*	\$24	\$41

*Discounts offered for multi-year licenses.



Serving our four-legged friends

We provide shelter, medical care and support to Clackamas County's homeless dogs. We also offer dog licensing, adoptions, officer response, and serve as a resource for lost and found dogs.

Learn more about services and volunteering opportunities at clackamas.us/dogs.



Come meet our adoptable dogs!

Adoption hours
Tuesday through Saturday
11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Regular business hours
Monday through Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

503-655-8628
13141 SE Highway 212
Clackamas, OR 97015

Adopt. License. Donate.



Maintaining a healthy weight for dogs



By Lora Geisler, DVM

Obesity, unfortunately, is a common and serious health issue in our pets. One study indicates that 20 percent of dogs and cats are overweight or obese. In the past five years, there has been a 37 percent increase in obesity in dogs and an alarming 90 percent increase in obesity in cats. Excess weight is harming our pets, from quality of life to serious medical conditions such as diabetes, and virtually all organ systems are affected.

Health risks include:

- Respiratory problems
- Decreased liver and immune system function
- Urinary tract infections
- Increased blood pressure and heart disease
- Digestive disorders
- Skin and coat problems
- Damage to joints, bones and ligaments
- Decreased stamina
- Decreased longevity (shortened life)

Obesity is the second most common health issue in the avian pet. Pet birds typically live sedentary lives; they may be unable to fly as a result of trimmed wings. If owners don't understand their pet's dietary needs, they may become overweight. Obese birds can develop similar diseases to humans such as clogged arteries, metabolism issues, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Weight gain prevention is very important for all pets.

- Encourage exercise
- Choose the correct type and amount of food
- Monitor your pet's weight
- Limit or eliminate treats
- Treat any medical problems or disease
- Start early by regulating your young pet's weight through exercise, feeding healthy food and not feeding "people food"

Weight loss can be achieved with appropriate diet selection, calorie restriction and exercise. Despite the complexity of weight loss, obesity can be a curable condition for your pet.

Consult your veterinarian for an individualized weight loss program that provides a consistent and healthy rate of weight loss to reduce the risk of disease, prevent malnutrition and improve quality of life and longevity. Your veterinarian can also determine if there are any underlying medical problems contributing to obesity.

I highly encourage pet owners to spend more time walking their dogs, playing with their cats and increasing activity of their birds to improve the physical fitness of their pets.

BENEFITS OF PROPER WEIGHT

Your pet will thank you for monitoring its weight to have a better quality of life.

Benefits include:

- Increased stamina with more energy to run and play
- Increased mobility
- Increased life span with lean body mass
- Reduced chances of joint pain and damage
- Enhanced protective functions such as the skin and immune system
- Helps fight the stresses of aging

Maintaining a healthy weight for your dog is vital for quality of life.



Clackamas Dogs Foundation provides critical services for dogs



It has been one year since the Clackamas Dogs Foundation (CDF) expanded its board of directors and hired staff to manage day-to-day activities. As that year has flown by, CDF has made some major accomplishments focusing on fundraising and awareness of the foundation and its services.

Last May, the foundation held its first self-hosted fundraiser, *Putt for Mutts* at Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course. More than 70 people raised over \$6,000 for the foundation. It was a great success for a first event, and we are already planning for the second one. Save the date for Thursday, May 18, 2017 to join in on a fun evening of food, auctions, putt-putt golf and constant dog talk. We are also collecting donations for our silent auction, so let us know if you or someone you know is interested in donating goods or services.

The foundation also updated its mission statement to better represent the main purpose of what

it does. As you may know, the foundation was created in 2012 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit that directly supports Clackamas County Dog Services (CCDS). The new mission states, "The Clackamas Dogs Foundation provides support and assistance to Clackamas County Dog Services in order to advance dog welfare in Clackamas County."

As it grows, the foundation is committed to helping dogs in our community receive the best care possible. The foundation makes a difference in helping feed our shelter guests, reducing overpopulation through spaying and neutering shelter and community dogs, and providing outreach and education in the community.

What's next from the foundation? We'll be sending out a mailer for holiday donations in November. If you would like to be included, email sholcombe@clackamas.us with your information.

With all these fundraising efforts, you might be wondering what the foundation been spending its money on? Lots of projects to support Dog Services!

- Funding a portion of the cost to have a professional dog trainer on staff
- Purchased new sun and rain shades for the doggy play areas
- Funding the Low-Income Spay and Neuter program
- Helping to fund the new dog foster program now being developed

CDF is excited about its new direction and eager to keep the momentum going. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Volunteer and Fundraising Coordinator Sarah Holcombe at 503-722-6729. Visit CDF's Facebook ([facebook.com/ClackamasDogsFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/ClackamasDogsFoundation)) or website (clackamasdogsfoundation.org) for current projects and information on how you can get involved.

DOG FUNDRAISERS

Save the date! The second annual *Putt for Mutts* will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course in Clackamas. Silent auction donations for goods and services are welcomed for this event.

The holidays can be a difficult time for people, and dogs, too. Donations during the holidays are greatly appreciated. Email Volunteer and Fundraising Coordinator Sarah Holcombe at sholcombe@clackamas.us for donation details.

Check out clackamasdogsfoundation.org for additional donation information and volunteer opportunities like housekeeping, potty-walking, dog training and administrative support.



High Rocks cleanup a success!

Volunteers from Clackamas County Water Environment Services (WES) recently teamed up with employees from the cities of Gladstone and Oregon City to remove trash and other debris in the High Rocks area along the Clackamas River. The event was organized by SOLVE, a nonprofit that brings volunteers together to take care of parks, natural areas and neighborhoods. The High Rocks Summer Cleanup was the first collaboration of its kind. Clackamas County Chair John Ludlow was among the volunteers.

Members of the Gladstone Police Department and dive team also turned out to help. In all, 100 pounds of trash were removed and 30 pounds of recyclable materials were collected. WES Director Greg Geist said "We are thankful to Gladstone, Oregon City, and SOLVE for helping to organize this collaborative stewardship opportunity to restore a beautiful part of the county prone to littering during the summer months."

WES Reduces Cost of Wastewater Capacity Project cont'd from page 1

Both digesters must operate 24 hours a day, which means there is no backup system in place should one of the digesters need maintenance or repairs.

WES staff recommended a "phased" approach to construction and a strategic method of delivery of equipment to save money for ratepayers. Value engineering by WES staff and the evaluation of current and future capacity needs based on new population growth forecasts also helped keep costs down as it helped determine exactly how much equipment is needed right now.



Construction on a single new digester is expected to be completed in 2020. During that time period, existing equipment at the plant will be upgraded to support the additional capacity and future improvements.

A regional committee will help determine how the cost of the project will be distributed among partner cities and communities.

This co-investment strategy is the latest collaboration in a partnership that has saved millions of dollars for ratepayers over the past 20 years.

Since 1996, the districts' treatment plants have been operationally intertwined and routinely share equipment, management resources, staff, and operating space to help keep rates down.

These partnerships represent the trend of collaboration and cooperation in the increasingly expensive wastewater treatment industry.

To learn more about WES and the solids capacity improvement project, visit clackamas.us/wes/.

Kellogg facility upgraded to protect environment

Two large barges traveled up the Willamette River past Portland this summer to deliver equipment allowing for environmental improvements at the Kellogg Water Resource Recovery Facility in Milwaukie.

The barges are now anchored near Elk Rock Island where they delivered a large crane and construction materials. Scuba divers are using these materials to make improvements to the facility's outfall - the apparatus that discharges highly-treated, cleaned wastewater called effluent deep below the river's surface.

The Kellogg Outfall Project extends the outfall's length by 220 feet, deepening discharge from 35 feet to 65 feet. Divers are also adding a diffuser to improve dilution and further minimize the impact on water quality.

Improvements will help the facility comply with existing and anticipated Oregon and federal water quality regulations. The construction is being conducted through Oct. 31 to accommodate fish passage, also per regulations.

The Kellogg facility is managed and operated by county's Water Environment Services (WES). The public can learn more about WES projects at clackamas.us/wes/.



We want to hear from you!

At an Oct. 4 Policy Session, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and discussed at length proposed amendments to the County Code pertaining to Chapter 2.10, Hamlets and Villages.

The proposed amendments are intended to clarify language concerning training and conduct of hamlet and village board members as well as the dissolution process for a hamlet or village. Commissioners voted to move forward with the public hearing process before voting on the matter.

The Hamlets and Villages program began in 2005 when the commissioners adopted the concept to increase public involvement in unincorporated Clackamas County. Hamlets and villages are intended to give residents a formal community structure to discuss important community issues and make recommendations for their resolution to the county.

These organizations serve an important advisory role to Clackamas County Commissioners.

If you are interested in providing comment on this code revision, please come speak to your commissioners at the Nov. 9 Business Meeting at 10 a.m. at 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City in the BCC Hearing Room.

A Second Reading is scheduled to take place at the Nov. 23 Business Meeting at 10 am at 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City in the board's Hearing Room. Dates and times are subject to change. Please consult the commissioners' calendar prior to the meeting.

Questions? Please contact Katie Wilson via email at kwilson2@clackamas.us.



Qué hacer durante un Terremoto



Qué hacer durante un Terremoto

El Condado de Clackamas quiere que usted practique qué hacer si un terremoto golpea. Puede salvar su vida.

Queremos que usted se mantenga seguro. Cuando la agitación empieza, Usted no quiere pensar en qué hacer, Usted quiere saber qué hacer.

Los terremotos fuertes son posibles en nuestra zona. El piso o suelo puede tirarse debajo de usted. Cosas acerca de usted pueden derrocar o caer. Eso da miedo.

Cuando está adentro de un edificio puede mejorar sus posibilidades de ser seguro si usted "Agacharse, Cubrirse y Agarrarse" durante un terremoto:

- Agáchese en el suelo a las manos y rodillas (antes de que el terremoto le tumbé!)
- Cúbrase debajo de un escritorio o mesa resistente (y su cuerpo entero si es posible). Si no hay una mesa cerca, ponerse al lado de una pared.
- Agárrase del objeto resistente (o proteja la cabeza y el cuello) y quedase allí hasta que pare el temblor.

Elementary school to benefit from proposed urban renewal plan amendment; Public invited to comment

The Clackamas County Development Agency is proposing a substantial amendment to the Clackamas Town Center Urban Renewal Plan in order to provide funds to the Mount Scott Elementary School improvement project.

The Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners will hold public hearings on the proposed amendment on Nov. 14 and Dec. 15, respectively. The public is welcome to attend and provide testimony at either or both hearings, and is also welcome to submit written testimony in advance to Development Agency Supervisor David Queener by email at davidque@clackamas.us or by mail or drop-off to Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, OR 97015. Please see the notices below for details.

No public vote is required on the proposed amendment because it would not expand the urban renewal district's boundary, duration or borrowing authority, or alter the basic purpose of the plan. However, because this amendment would be for a project not currently in the plan, and is estimated to cost more than \$500,000, it must be approved by the board.

If the amendment is approved, the Development Agency would provide \$2.5 million of funding to the North Clackamas School District for improvements to Mount Scott Elementary School, including additional classrooms, restrooms and an expanded cafeteria. The money would come from already-a e Development Agency completed the final work program for this urban renewal district in March 2013. Since then, one road project (Monterey Avenue extension) has been completed, one road project (Otty) is under construction and three road construction projects are in design. In addition, funds from the urban renewal district have been distributed to the Sheriff's Office, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, and Clackamas County Fire District No. 1 for projects identified in the urban renewal plan.

NOTICE: PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Clackamas County Planning Commission will meet to review and hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Clackamas Town Center Urban Renewal Plan, and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

When: 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14, 2016

Where: Development Services Building Auditorium, 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City

Documents may be found at clackamas.us/development or by contacting, Development Agency Supervisor David Queener at 503-742-4322 or davidque@clackamas.us.

NOTICE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance for the adoption of a proposed amendment to the Clackamas Town Center Urban Renewal Plan:

When: 10 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016

Where: Public Services Building, fourth floor, Board Hearing Room, 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City

Documents may be found at clackamas.us/development or by contacting David Queener, Development Agency Supervisor, at 503-742-4322 or davidque@clackamas.us.

The maximum indebtedness for the Clackamas Town Center Urban Renewal Plan is \$177,153,300 and would not be changed by this proposed amendment. The proposed amendment does not impact property tax rates because taxes are no longer collected for this urban renewal area. The ordinance, if approved, is subject to referendum.



Future Madrone Wall park site helped by Oregon National Guard

In August, the Oregon National Guard constructed a road and parking lot at the Madrone Wall site, a county park slated to open next July.

The constructing of the road and parking lot did not come from the county budget, as the County Parks Division successfully applied for a Guard program that provides on-the-ground training opportunities for the Guard's engineering unit while benefitting the county with project cost savings.

The county purchased the Madrone Wall site in the early 1900s for use as a quarry. The defining feature of the site is the 120-foot basalt wall that bisects the property. In the past, this wall has been popular with local rock climbers.

In recent years, the Board of County Commissioners and the County Parks Advisory Board drove the

Madrone Wall as a priority project for development. Last year, the project received a key grant from the Clackamas County Tourism Development Council. That grant, along with outside funds raised by the Madrone Wall Preservation Committee and the commitment of the Oregon National Guard, has allowed park development to move forward.

"Through the county's Performance Clackamas strategic plan, we're dedicated to honoring, utilizing, promoting and investing in our natural resources," said County Parks Manager Rick Gruen.

Watch a new video showing the beauty of the wall on the Clackamas County YouTube page, or go to bit.ly/2cg5Ayt. More on the Madrone Wall site can be found at clackamas.us/parks/.

Proactive testing for lead puts minds at ease

Clackamas County proactively tested for lead at 20 sites with drinking water sources throughout parks and facilities in the North



Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. These 20 sites have 60 different designated drinking water sources, like water fountains, kitchen sink faucets, and ice machines.

The results were excellent. Fifty-nine of the 60 outlets tested had a lead level below what the Environmental Protection Agency recommends the maximum allowable level to be. The sole source exceeding the limit was a sink at the Hood View Park house which was not in use as a water source. That sink has been removed.

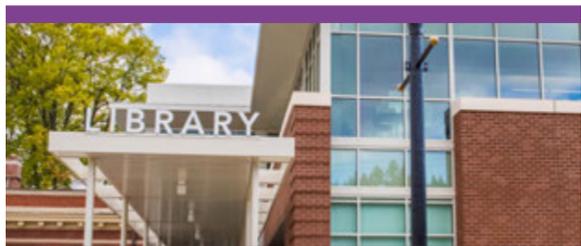
"Clackamas County was not required to perform this testing, and we had no indication that anything was wrong, but we felt it was a prudent step to ensure our residents have peace of mind," stated County Administrator Don Krupp. "We're pleased with this outcome."

The entire project cost under \$2,000.

This is only the first phase of the county's current plans for lead testing. It is expected that other county facilities will be subject to testing by the end of the year.

"Through our Performance Clackamas strategic plan, we're committed to building public trust, maintaining a strong infrastructure, and ensuring healthy communities," said Krupp. "We strive to be proactive and forward-thinking for our residents' quality of life."

The 20 sites tested, which make up the entirety of all potential potable water sources found at district- managed and maintained sites, included Alma Myra Park, Altamont Park, Ann-Toni Shreiber Park, Ashley Meadows Park, Century Park, Happy Valley Park, Harmony Road Neighborhood Park, Heddie Notz Park, Hood View Park and Facilities, Maintenance Facility, Milwaukie Center, Mt. Talbert Park, North Clackamas Aquatic Park, North Clackamas Park and Facilities, Pfeifer Park, Risley Park, Stringfield Park and Facility, Summerfield Park, Village Green Park, and Water Tower Park.



The Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) – found at lincc.org – provides service to the 13 local area libraries.

Two of our libraries had grand openings on Oct. 15!

- Canby Library
- Oregon City Library

Check them out soon, and find out more about how the county supports our libraries at lincc.org.



Summit on Damascus area lands held

Elected officials and staff from four jurisdictions joined Clackamas County Commissioners at a regional summit in late September to begin discussing issues related to the future of land use in the Damascus area.

Representatives from the cities of Happy Valley and Gresham, Metro, and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development attended.

Damascus lands, businesses and residents returned to county jurisdiction on July 18, after city voters approved disincorporation in May. The city had been incorporated since 2004.

Residents can learn about the impact of disincorporation at clackamas.us/damascus.



However, larger regional land use and economic issues are also involved now that this large land area is again a part of unincorporated Clackamas County.

Many of those issues were discussed on Sept. 27, when an audience of more than 50 listened to officials comment on development challenges, land use and transportation plans, the need for more employment land, the current lack of needed infrastructure, and related topics.

The agency representatives agreed that extensive public outreach and planning is needed in coming years, and that there will be additional meetings among the jurisdictions.

'Peer Mediation' high schoolers resolve fellow students' issues

High school is a difficult time of transition for most young adults. Dating, maintaining friendships, dealing with cliques, and potential bullying are just some of the issues youth deal with regularly. Simple misunderstandings among students can quickly escalate into difficult situations with long-lasting effects.

The Clackamas County Resolution Services Department set out to do something about this years ago. By developing the Peer Mediation program – through which local students are taught how to mediate others' conflicts – the department has successfully empowered youth to facilitate hundreds of disputes among students, and sometimes teachers, in a positive way for all parties involved.

The process is straightforward. At the beginning of a school year, several students who show leadership abilities receive training or re-training on mediation techniques from professional county staffers.

These peer mediators then stand ready to assist as needed.

When a conflict arises involving students, or a student and a teacher, either party may request having their conflict resolved through the program. If both parties agree the individuals in conflict will meet immediately with a panel of student peer mediators to find an acceptable outcome for all.

One conflict from years past involved a female student who was bothered by the words and actions of a male student during class. She shared with the peer mediator team that she had, on several occasions, told the boy to stop such distracting behavior. The mediators were able to discern that the girl had communicated her needs in a subtle and indirect manner. The boy, on the autism spectrum, indicated that he didn't fully understand that the girl was annoyed with him.

The mediators helped the girl to respectfully and more directly express her needs, while also advocating for the boy by teaching his classmate about autism. In the end, a concrete, collaborative agreement about interaction in class was reached, before a bullying or wrongful outburst could have occurred.

The key aspects to the program, according to county staff, are the speed of the process – how crises can be nipped in the bud before the whole school knows about an issue – and the fact that peer mediators can only be students.

"There's a much greater likelihood of trust being established because authority figures are taken out of the equation," stated Resolution Services' Erin Ruff, who oversees the program for the county. "Fellow students know the people involved, the dynamic of the school, the intricacies of a given situation ... they can help guide resolutions in a way that adults cannot."

If only one student wants a peer mediation, but the other declines, the student requesting services

will still be interviewed by a peer mediator team. Often, this simple action helps students figure out how to safely cope or respectfully resolve the conflict.

Of course, if the conflict is severe enough or violates school policy, a staff-facilitated mediation involving school counselors/ administration may be engaged, and parents must be contacted.

The program has been in practice for seven years at New Urban High School in Milwaukie, with an expansion this school year into both Arts & Technology High School in Wilsonville and throughout the Colton School District.

Annarie Wergeland, School Counselor at New Urban, stated "The program has had a powerful impact. Teachers like it because it prevents adults from solely shouldering the responsibility of trying to mitigate conflict. Students are empowered to support one another while practicing practical life skills and helping the school climate. Parents are encouraged that students are resolving conflict peacefully. It's a win-win-win."

If you are a student, teacher, school staff or administrator, parent, or any other person who knows of a school that would benefit from the peer mediation program, please don't hesitate to contact Erin Ruff at eruff@clackamas.us or 503-655-8852.

KNOW A SCHOOL THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM THE PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM?

CONTACT CCRS AT 503-655-8852 TODAY!