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Every two years, we seek feedback from residents about the services we provide, the actions we take, and the major issues facing Clackamas County.

This effort – comprised of a scientific phone survey coupled with an online survey – tells us how we can do a better job serving you.

Survey questions help us measure residents' thoughts on:

- Whether Clackamas County is headed in the right direction or is off on the wrong track.
- High-priority issues facing the county, including road maintenance funding and employment lands.

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IT'S SPRING! Time to start planning all your recreation and outdoor adventures in Clackamas County! Whether you enjoy visiting Mt Hood, local parks and rivers, camping or simply walking around neighborhoods, you'll find something new by checking the county website before you go: Visit Tourism, County Parks, or North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District to find something fun to do outdoors when those sunny days show themselves.

www.clackamas.us/parks/; www.mthoodterritory.com; www.ncprd.com/

Photo courtesy Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory

Resurfacing roadways is one of the many important jobs accomplished with road maintenance funds.

COMMISSIONERS SET MAY ADVISORY VOTE ON ROAD MAINTENANCE FUNDING

In February, the Board of County Commissioners placed the following advisory question on the May 17 ballot: "Shall the county pursue voter-approved funding for a limited number of years, for deferred road maintenance?"

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Reserve your camping and picnic areas for spring and summer events now!

County Parks reserves camp sites, picnic shelters and other recreation areas – and they are currently available for the 2016 season which runs May 1 - September 30.

Clackamas County is home to Barton, Eagle Fern, Feyrer and Metzler parks, which offer more than 200 total tent and RV camp sites nestled in beautiful outdoor settings. Campsites are $21/night for primitive sites and $26/night for partial hook-up sites.

The park system offers 19 reservable picnic areas containing picnic tables, electric outlets, water spigots and pedestal barbecues. Barton Park's Routson Pavilion and Eagle Fern's open-air A-frame shelter are popular for weddings and family reunions. Picnic area daily rentals range from $45 to $150; the Routson Pavilion rents for $450 and includes round tables, buffet tables, foldable chairs, and a commercial gas BBQ upon request.

Reservations can be made online at **http://reservations.clackamas.us** or by calling the Clackamas County Parks Administration Office at 503-742-4414, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Visit Clackamas County Parks website at **www.clackamas.us/parks** for more information. *More parks news on page 16.*

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KRUPP'S KORNER
A message from County Administrator Don Krupp

Showcasing our Health, Housing and Human Services department

You may remember, the county witnessed a public health issue arise in February when there was an exposure of Hepatitis A in Sandy. This unfortunate, low-risk exposure was quickly contained.

Our Public Health division, along with partners in the local medical community, began immediate investigation upon learning of the exposure. This process, supported by local partnership, led to the offering of three evening clinics in Sandy. The clinics provided age appropriate vaccinations to those potentially exposed. The quick thinking, professionalism and knowledge of our Public Health staff is an amazing asset to Clackamas County and all of its residents. The traits and skills of the members of this division showcase the entire Health, Housing and Human Services (H3S) department as the staff members of the other divisions continue their everyday work.

In terms of employees, H3S is the largest of any county department with nearly 550 employees. These dedicated employees assist individuals, families and communities in many areas, including: physical and oral health, mental health and addictions, child and family services, assistance for people with disabilities, public health, aging services, low-income and special needs housing, employment training for individuals with barriers and assistance for low-income individuals.

Among others, our Behavioral Health division continues to work on *Get Trained To Help,* a tri-county initiative where members of the public can receive training regarding mental health. It is one of our most exciting programs because it gives people the tools to know what to do if they suspect someone they might know may be having mental health issues.

Our other divisions also play key roles in assisting the public. Community Solutions for Clackamas County works with veterans, getting people jobs and showing people how to weatherize their homes in order to lower their energy bills.

Our Social Services division has dozens of programs aimed at helping people with their basic needs, other services, aimed at: people with disabilities, seniors, people with developmental disabilities, veterans and more.

Staff members in our Health Centers division serve people needing primary, prenatal, dental and mental healthcare, while our Housing and Community Development division is dedicated to finding people suitable housing, along with working with local organizations to provide funding of public facilities.

The Children, Youth and Families division works end domestic violence in the county and coordinates with local agencies to promote healthy outcomes for county residents.

It is clear that these are all essential services that the people of Clackamas County can support.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY VOTERS TO CONSIDER EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM REPLACEMENT BALLOT MEASURE IN MAY ELECTION

Clackamas County voters will consider a ballot measure in May to replace the obsolete emergency radio system used by firefighters, police and other emergency responders.

Although the system has worked for more than a decade, manufacturers no longer make key parts. In addition, transmittal towers are not designed to withstand earthquakes predicted for Oregon.

Presently, the county's emergency radio system is outdated and prone to failure.

The ballot measure also calls for an appointed citizen oversight committee to review the expenditures, progress and outcomes of the project. This is in addition to existing accountability measures and audits.

Here is what the measure will do:

- Convert the analog emergency radio system to current digital technology
- Expand coverage to areas of Clackamas County where none exists
- Add in-building coverage, so that emergency radios can function within hospitals, schools, malls and in other public places
- Improve reliability during major disasters

The project will construct a new open source digital radio system, including a microwave transport system, providing coverage and maintaining interoperability. This will ensure that first responders can consistently receive and reliably send radio communications.

The ballot measure asks voters to consider a $59 million general obligation bond. The projected tax for these bonds is estimated not to exceed 10 cents per $1,000 of assessed value. Typical homeowners with a 2016 average assessed value (not market value) of $262,514 would pay about $26.25 annually, or a little more than $2 per month.

For more information please visit **www.C800.org.**

NEW VIDEO EXPLAINS 'EMPLOYMENT LANDS' ISSUE

Citizen News readers may recall the previous edition's story about the "employment lands" issue we all face. Clackamas County currently faces a critical shortage in the 20-year supply of development-ready land, or employment lands. We're short by 1,100 acres.

This issue isn't going away. The Board of County Commissioners is committed to residents' future prosperity, which will be built on good paying jobs, affordable housing and capital investment.

The board is arguing that the Urban Growth Boundary should be given another look, following a court remand over the Stafford area's original "urban reserve" designation.

We realize that land use/zoning issues can be a little complex, especially for people new to it.

The Clackamas County Government Channel has produced a three-minute explanatory video. The short piece explains why employment lands are important, introduces the concept of the Urban Growth Boundary, and reiterates how the board is seeking a solution for all parties involved.

We invite you to learn exactly why the board is studying three different areas – outside of Canby, Wilsonville and Carver – over the coming months.

You can watch the video, and learn more about the issue, by visiting **Land to Grow Jobs** at **www.clackamas.us.**

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'State of the County' looks at 2015 successes

The 2016 State of the County was held in February. The well-attended, interactive event prompted excellent questions from audience members and those watching via livestream or the Clackamas County Government Channel.

From left: Commission Chair John Ludlow; Commissioners Tootie Smith, Jim Bernard, Paul Savas and Martha Schrader.

In his annual address, Chair John Ludlow outlined several county accomplishments from 2015. Just some include:

- Approving new land use regulations on recreational and medical marijuana businesses, which followed more than six months of exhaustive stakeholder outreach and public engagement.
- Continuing advocacy and support for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project, the re-opening of the Willamette Falls Locks, and the federal designation of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area.
- Progressing toward receiving federal assistance to expand I-205 and relieve traffic congestion, as Congress officially designated the Oregon portion as a "high priority corridor," making federal funding more likely during the next few years.
- Completing renovations to the Beavercreek Health Clinic, providing an improved level of service and greater access to medical and dental care for our vulnerable populations.
- Outreach to more than 105 businesses, which helped to identify important issues of mutual concern such as workforce training, transportation and business financing.

After the Chair's address, all five commissioners answered questions on a range of topics from city jurisdiction expansion and the supply of affordable housing to the county budget and code enforcement.

The full event and Ludlow's address (by itself) are available on the Clackamas County YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/ClackamasCounty.**

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS SUMMERTIME MARKET

The Hamlet of Beavercreek is hosting a Flea Market and Craft Sale!
Saturday, July 16 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Korner Park (corner of Beavercreek Road and Leland Road)
Forty 10' x 10' vendor spaces are available for $10 per space
Contact: 503-632-8370, bcflea@beavercreek.org

HAMLETS WILL HOST CANDIDATE FORUM

The Hamlet of Beavercreek, Hamlet of Mulino, Stafford Hamlet and citizens are hosting a: Candidate Forum – featuring candidates running for the Board of County Commissioners
Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon
Athey Creek Middle School,
2900 SW Borland Road, Tualatin
County residents are VERY welcome to attend.

CLACKAMAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to offer two $2,000 scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. Students have until April 29 at 4:30 p.m. to submit their application. Do not miss this great opportunity!

The goal is to assist college students majoring in the field of agriculture (including horticulture), a natural resource science or a related discipline. Students may apply the scholarship money toward receiving an associate, bachelor or graduate degree. To be eligible, students must have graduated from a Clackamas County high school or currently reside in Clackamas County. Eligible applicants must have completed their freshman years and be considered sophomores (or higher) in fall 2016.

Download scholarship applications from **www.conservationdistrict.org** or contact us for application documents at 503-210-6000. Direct all questions to Lisa Kilders at 503-210-6002.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER VICTIM ADVOCATE

The Clackamas County District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program is looking for Volunteer Victim Advocates, both male and female, who are interested in helping victims of crime in the county. As a Victim Advocate you will have the unique privilege of providing crisis intervention and follow-up support to people who are going through trauma caused by crime. Advocates keep victims informed of their case status, accompany victims to court (if applicable) and encourage and support them in exercising their rights under Oregon law.

Many volunteers work full-time jobs along with their volunteer commitment. Essential qualities include empathy, good listening skills and being able to help people problem-solve. Advocates must be at least 18 years of age and have reliable transportation and no criminal background. Victim Advocacy is a very rewarding opportunity to help people within your own community.
If you are interested in participating in the training held on April 19, please contact Krysti Bellmore at 503-655-8616 or krystibel@clackamas.us.

INFO FROM VECTOR CONTROL ABOUT THE ZIKA VIRUS

Since the Zika virus is on many people's minds, Clackamas County Vector Control wants to let residents know they are expanding services to tackle this emerging vector-borne disease. Fortunately, the mosquitoes that transmit Zika virus are not yet in Oregon.

Staff will be coordinating surveillance and control efforts with adjacent counties, targeting surveillance toward mosquitoes that can transmit Zika, and gearing up their technical team to be ready for anything related to Zika virus and the mosquitoes that transmit it. The Vector Control website is a great starting point for information on mosquito (and other pest) control, links to information on Zika virus, and other important information that county residents can use to protect themselves from mosquito bites. Visit **www.clackamas.us/vector/.**

FARMERS MARKETS WILL ALL SOON BE OPEN

Many of us look forward to springtime in Clackamas County because it means the beginning of farmers and growers markets that will open and start selling homemade goods local produce. More than ten county cities and communities have thriving farmers markets on the weekends beginning in spring and lasting throughout the summer and even after Labor Day. A full listing of the markets in Clackamas County is online at the Tourism and Cultural Affairs website. Go to **www.mthoodterritory.com.**

COUNTY LEADS VETERANS COVENANT SIGNING EVENT

Clackamas County has made a commitment to help county veterans and service men and women receive the help and benefits they have earned. On May 16 Clackamas County Commissioners, military leaders, city and community leaders will come together to sign a Veterans Covenant - pledging to provide support and services to veterans and their families. Please come to the Gregory Forum at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City on May 16 at 2 p.m. to witness the signing and enjoy a special reception.

SIGN UP FOR COUNTY EMAIL UPDATES!

Would you like to receive updates from Clackamas County about road closures, job openings and local events? Point your browser to **www.clackamas.us** and click on the link near the right-hand bottom of any page to get email updates! Sign up for notifications about the topics you want to hear about, including emergency preparedness, County Commission actions, and media releases. And be sure to check the box for our monthly eNewsletter, which highlights some of the most important things the county is doing for you every month!

Healthy Living

OSU Extension Service received a Heal Grant to develop a series of educational farmers market tours and chef demos.

$100,000 awarded to HEAL grant recipients

Clackamas County awarded a total of $100,000 to 14 different recipients in January for the 2016 Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) grants program.

The goal of the grants is to help fund community-based projects that develop or enhance wellness for all ages. Projects encourage the adoption of active lifestyles and healthy eating for county residents where they work, live and play.

The following 14 organizations will receive funds:

- **Alliance Charter Academy:** Create multi-use community garden, provide outdoor education space and create connections to the Park Place neighborhood in Oregon City. ($8,000)
- **Ant Farm:** Develop education programs so community can learn about healthy lifestyles. ($8,000)
- **Colton Booster Club:** Replace old kindergarten playground equipment. Available to entire community after school hours. ($8,000)
- **Food Waves:** Build a demonstration garden at Gladstone High School, establish a Horticulture Club, and offer hands-on educational/training opportunities at the garden. ($7,870)
- **Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School:** Build raised bed garden boxes and install a hoop house, drip irrigation and soil. ($8,000)
- **Metropolitan Family Services:** Serve at-risk youth in North Clackamas School District by providing access to health education and activities, sustainable food access and nutrition education at New Urban High School. ($8,000)
- **Parenting, Academics, Careers, Employment (PACE) program at North Clackamas School District:** Increase access to physical activity, healthy foods, and nutrition information for pregnant teens and their children. ($4,700)
- **Northwest Family Services:** Provide soccer camps in four school communities including Rowe Middle School, Alder Creek Middle School, Kraxberger Middle School, and Gardiner Middle School. ($8,000)
- **Oregon State University Extension:** Develop a series of educational farmers market tours and chef's demos to increase Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program shopper's access to fresh fruits and vegetables. ($4,754)
- **Vibrant Futures Coalition:** Address youth wellness by making presentations on mindfulness and create stress reduction zones in school systems in North Clackamas. ($2,676)
- **YMCA of Columbia Willamette:** Innovative pilot project to design and implement the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program (YDPP) within Clackamas County by building service infrastructure through partnerships with local, county, state and local businesses, to provide diabetes prevention to Clackamas County residents. ($8,000)
- **Screen and Intervene:** County matching funds for Kaiser Permanente-funded HEAL Communities grant. Students at Estacada, Oregon City, and Sandy High Schools will participate in a healthy environment scan of their school and implement changes that increase and sustain access to healthy food and free water. The funding breakdown is:

›Estacada High School ($8,000)

›Oregon City High School ($8,000)

›Sandy High School ($8,000)

WANT TO HELP?
VOLUNTEER FAIR ON MAY 12!

If you have ever considered becoming a volunteer, but didn't quite know where to start, mark May 12 on your calendar.

Clackamas County Volunteer Connection, which is dedicated to improving the quality and delivery of social services in our community, will host a volunteer fair from 1 to 2 p.m. Staff members will present information on Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) agency partners and local volunteer programs.

This is an excellent opportunity to sign up to volunteer or to simply learn more about the Volunteer Connection program. Refreshments will be provided.

The fair will be held at the county Public Services Building, Room 369, 2051 Kaen Road in Oregon City. For more information or to register, call Wendy Hays with RSVP at 503-650-5796 or email wendyhay@clackamas.us.

SURVEY SEEKS RESIDENTS' THOUGHTS ON FAIR HOUSING

Clackamas County wants to know residents' views on fair housing choices and access to housing.

If you are a county resident, please help us identify any barriers that may limit access to affordable fair housing choices. The survey takes about five minutes to complete and provide us with valuable information that helps us be aware of issues, prioritize strategies and make a plan to improve access to housing.

Fair housing is a right protected by federal and state laws. Each resident is entitled to equal access to housing opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, source of income or any other related reason.

Signs of housing discrimination may include (but are not limited to):

- The rent or deposit quoted is more than advertised.
- The manager says the unit is rented, but an ad or sign is still posted.
- The manager makes statements like, "You probably won't like it here," or "We've rented out the family units," or "There is no place for your children to play."
- A real estate agent keeps steering you to look for houses in neighborhoods different than the ones you desire and you think you can afford.
- The manager denies your request to make minor modifications to your unit to accommodate your disability.

To take the survey, go to **www.surveymonkey.com/r/FairHousingSurvey2016** This survey closes on June 30.

El Condado de Clackamas desea conocer su opción de Vivienda Justa y su acceso a una vivienda. Ayúdenos a identificar cualquier barrera que pudiera limitar el acceso a opciones a una vivienda justa asequible en su comunidad. Como residente del Condado de Clackamas, lo invitamos a completar esta encuesta, que le llevará de 5 a 10 minutos, a fin de proporcionarnos información que nos ayudará a considerar los problemas, a priorizar las estrategias y a diseñar un plan que mejore el acceso a la vivienda para todos.

http://www.clackamas.us/communitydevelopment/

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM- SIGN UP & SAVE!

Clackamas County is offering residents free discounts on prescription drugs. The Prescription Discount Card Program aims to help those uninsured or underinsured, but anyone living in the county can participate.

By simply presenting a free card at participating pharmacies, users may save money. Residents with insurance can alternatively use the card in case it offers a greater discount. The card can even be used for some pet medications!

Just visit **www.clackamas.us/livehealthy** to enroll in less than two minutes. Residents without web access can call 877-321-2652 (toll-free) to enroll (CVS Caremark and the National Association of Counties administer the program).

That's not all! The state of Oregon sponsors the similar, free Oregon Prescription Drug Program – another option to potentially save even more! Find the link to that program at the bottom of **www.clackamas.us/livehealthy.**

Call 503-742-5917 with any questions.

Cleaner air for all: No smoking or vaping indoors

In January, the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act (ICAA) expanded to prohibit smoking in workplaces, restaurants, bars and other indoor public places, as well as within 10 feet of all entrances, exits, accessibility ramps, windows and air-intake vents.

The ICAA includes the use of inhalant delivery systems such as e-cigarettes, vape pens, e-hookah and other devices that can be used to deliver nicotine and cannabinoids.

Under the new law:

- Businesses must post "No smoking or vaping" signs at all entrances and exits.
- E-cigarettes and other inhalant delivery systems may not be used in stores that sell them.
- The sale, purchase or use of electronic cigarettes for people under age 18 is prohibited.

"This new rule will protect people from exposure to the many known and unknown chemicals in e-cigarette aerosol, some of which have been found to be carcinogenic," said Scott France of Clackamas County Public Health.

The nicotine in e-cigarettes is highly addictive and, like tobacco, is a primary gateway drug that can often lead users to other harmful drugs, said Jill Archer, Deputy Director of Clackamas County Health, Housing and Human Services.

"We at Clackamas County really believe in this new law and stand behind it," she said. "We know that e-cigarettes can cause serious health problems and think this new law can help people, families and communities to be safe, healthy and to thrive."

People who are ready to quit using tobacco and electronic cigarettes can contact the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or register online: **www.quitnow.net/oregon.**

Clackamas County Public Health is positioned to help individuals and businesses understand and comply with the ICAA. To learn more about the law or to request "No smoking or vaping" signs, call Scott France at 503-742-5340.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS WITH PARTNERS DURING HEPATITIS A EXPOSURE RESPONSE

In February, Clackamas County Public Health learned of a possible exposure of Hepatitis A at a movie theater in Sandy.

Working with medical partners Legacy Medical Group, Providence Health & Services and Adventist Health, county staff put on three clinics to provide the proper medication to people who were possibly exposed to the virus. Hepatitis A attacks the liver and is contagious.

The clinic provided 232 people with the medication they needed, and once the final dose of medication was received by the last patient, it marked the end of an incredibly rewarding period for the Public Health division.

"The response event went very smoothly," said Clackamas County Health, Housing and Human Services Director Richard Swift. "I couldn't be happier with the response of our Public Health staff. This outcome was the result of appropriate assessment of risk, thorough planning, coordinated communication and organized implementation. We are incredibly grateful to our partners who played a variety of significant roles toward ensuring that Clackamas County residents are healthy."

Thanks to medical partners Legacy Medical Group, Providence Health & Services and Adventist Health, Clackamas County Public Health put on three clinics for the Hepatitis A exposure.

Also during the response, officials received incredible support the city of Sandy, local pharmacies, Clackamas Federal Credit Union, Starbucks, Fred Meyer, Sparky's Pizza, Bi-Mart, Grocery Outlet and Safeway.

Open ABCs

***Advisory Boards and Commissions** offer citizens the opportunity to become very involved in specific county goals. Hundreds of citizens serve, through County Commission appointment, on various committees. Terms of service for the ABCs listed here vary from 2-4 years. More information and applications: **www.clackamas.us/citizenin/.** For a paper application, call 503-655-8751.*

Aging Services Advisory Council

This council has four openings. The council advises the county Area Agency on Aging on matters relating to the development and administration of the Area Plan, serving as a catalyst in the improvement and maintenance of existing services for county seniors. Application deadline is Thursday, June 2.

Clackamas County Service District #1 (CCSD#1) Budget Committee

This committee has two openings. The committee reviews the proposed fiscal year budget and any supplemental budgets, and recommends revisions to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), which serves as the district's governing body. Vacancies are open until filled.

Clackamas Workforce Partnership

This partnership seeks two members for its board. The board helps set funding strategies in an effort to develop a highly skilled workforce that creates sustained economic growth and prosperity for Clackamas County by helping to meet the global demands of our local businesses. Currently, there are openings for representatives from business as well as labor and apprenticeship. Vacancies are open until filled.

Community Action Board

This board has six openings. The board advises the county Social Services Division Community Action Agency on services for low-income persons, and members advocate both locally and at the state level on issues related to low-income persons and households. Individuals representing three areas – low-income, private sector and elected officials – are sought. Application deadline is Thursday, June 2.

Community Health Council

This council has five openings. Council members and commissioners are responsible for the oversight of a federally-funded grant that provides primary care, dental and behavioral health services to residents. Vacancies are open until filled.

Design Review Committee

This committee has three vacant positions. This committee reviews applications to build structures in commercial, industrial and multi-family zoning districts. The committee provides review and guidance to the Planning and Zoning Division. Application deadline is Thursday, April 28.

Developmental Disabilities Council

This council has several openings. The council advises the county Developmental Disabilities Director about programs and services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Members advocate both locally and at the state level on issues related to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Application deadline is Thursday, June 2.

Mental Health and Addictions Council (MHAC)

This council has several openings. The MHAC advises commissioners and the county Behavioral Health Director on community needs, gaps in services, and barriers and priorities related to providing mental health and addiction services (including education, prevention and treatment). Vacancies are open until filled.

Surface Water Management Agency of Clackamas County Budget Committee

This committee has three openings. The committee reviews the proposed fiscal year budget and any supplemental budgets, and recommends revisions to the BCC. Vacancies are open until filled.

Tri-City Service District Budget Committee

This committee has two openings. The committee reviews and recommends fiscal year and supplemental budgets to the Board of County Commissioners, which serves as the district's governing body. Vacancies are open until filled.

Housing Advisory Board

This board has five vacancies. Members recommend a final set of principles, goals and policies for affordable housing in Clackamas County; identify priorities for further development, analysis and implementation of key activities; consider the community's needs for lower income housing and the resources available; review and comment on policies, funding, and organizational capacity of the Housing Authority; and review and make recommendations on other matters coming before the Housing Authority. Vacancies are open until filled.

Public Safety

Sheriff Craig Roberts (right) and Chief Deputy Chris Hoy welcome visitors to the new Transition Center in February. Visit: www.clackamas.us/sheriff/

New Transition Center gives clients tools they need to stay out of jail, prison

In February, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office officially opened its Transition Center – a new, all-in-one location providing crucial services to Community Corrections clients leaving jail or prison.

The facility is the first of its kind in Oregon.

"This is part of a nationwide effort to right-size the prison population," said Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Chris Hoy, formerly the Sheriff's Office Community Corrections Captain. "The idea is to create programs that reduce recidivism without compromising community safety, and ultimately to reduce the incarceration rate."

"We have a population at our jail where many people are struggling with mental illness – whether it's depression or something else," said Sheriff Craig Roberts. "If you just boot them out the door, they can often end up right back in jail. The goal of the Transition Center is to break that pattern and change people's lives."

The Transition Center is located at 2223 Kaen Road in Oregon City. The new building provides a centralized location where clients being released from custody (or at risk of returning to custody) can seamlessly access re-entry services. Those services – all under one roof – include:

- Employment and housing assistance
- Peer mentors
- Cognitive therapy
- Mental-health and substance abuse assessments
- Basic needs
- Hygiene items
- Bimonthly healthcare enrollment

In spring 2016, the Transition Center will partner with Clackamas Community College to offer General Educational Development (GED) courses, and Northwest Family Services will also be offering parenting classes. Plans are also underway to have a medical provider on-site.

Transition Center Probation Officers will conduct "reach-ins" at the Clackamas County Jail and local prisons – completing risk assessments, developing release plans and beginning the referral process for clients before they're released.

"This is a great opportunity for Clackamas County Jail Captain Lee Eby and I to work together to reduce the recidivism in our local jail," said Community Corrections Director Captain Jenna Morrison. "We are targeting our highest-risk offenders, but we're also working with people with mental illness who spend too many days in our jail when what they really need is services. We've dedicated multiple staff to working in the jail to create a seamless handoff to the Transition Center."

Transition Center staffers will also work to reduce the number of individuals going to jail – offering services to low-criminality clients who have had contact with law enforcement and may be struggling with mental-health issues or other crises. Staffers will work to stabilize these clients and connect them with any resources they need.

Community partners contributing to the Transition Center include Northwest Family Services, Clackamas County Behavioral Health, CareOregon, Clackamas Community College, and Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine, Bridges to Change, City Team, CODA, Lifeworks, and Community Solutions for Clackamas County.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: JUVENILE COURT COUNSELORS SAY RELATIONSHIPS ARE KEY

Clackamas County Juvenile Department Court Counselors are different from adult parole and probation officers – there's no "one size fits all" plan for kids who come in contact with the juvenile justice system.

The Juvenile Department has "skills groups" that a Court Counselor assigns to each client to work on social skills that are preventing him or her from developing relationships, self-esteem, or succeeding in school. These are the fundamentals most kids need to make good decisions.

Merin Paldi, a Juvenile Court Counselor for 19 years, makes sure each youth's restitution plan is individualized and relies on skills groups.

"The first thing we try to encourage for youth and their family is – be real," Paldi says. "Families have to start talking to each other and having open and honest conversations."

Kids today are faced with so many distractions like social media and the Internet that parents have to engage them in family time and make sure they know what challenges they face at school and with peers.

"The 'Scared Straight' idea doesn't work in my experience," said Bryan Ferguson, another Court Counselor. "Our approach to rehabilitation focuses on strong relationships with family, school and the community."

Many skills groups involve community service and helping businesses or neighborhoods. They can also include peer group discussions focusing on a variety of topics that encourage youth to speak freely about personal challenges and why they have committed their offenses.

"In the Juvenile department, when we say we support 'evidence-based' programs and practices – it's because they have been shown to work to reduce recidivism," explained Ferguson. "Kids are more accountable when they feel as if all the adults in their lives are working together to support them."

Paldi says when she first meets a family, they can start out pretty nervous and overwhelmed – but usually understand how important it is to help their child through the 18 months or so it takes to complete a restitution program.

"Mostly they are disappointed," said Paldi. "No parent plans for their kid to end up in trouble. But at the end of the day, they appreciate the programs and how they address problems head-on."

To learn more about the Juvenile Department or skills groups, visit: **www.clackamas.us/juvenile/.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOCAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Growing up is not always easy, and sometimes youth learn the hard way – especially during teenage years. When a youth commits a crime that harms others, they may find themselves in the Juvenile Justice System. On the other side, being the victim of a crime is unsettling and upsetting, and many never have a chance to talk about the impact it had.

Restorative justice dialogue processes bring together willing participants for an information-sharing conversation that can result in a repairing of harm, meaningful accountability, and an agreement to work toward making things right for all involved. These extra steps help to build safe and resilient communities while keeping youth accountable and connected.

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Trash Talk

A clean, green activity for the whole family:

Milwaukie resident Zoe Start mixes some green cleaners at home.

Many common household cleaners contain harmful chemicals that are not healthy for people, pets or the environment. "Green cleaners" use simple and safe ingredients to clean all kinds of home messes. Choosing to swap out cleaners with harmful chemicals for green cleaners is easy: You may have all the ingredients you need already, and you can make your own at home.

RECIPES

All-purpose cleaner (great for countertops and spills)

1/4 cup white distilled vinegar
1/2 teaspoon liquid soap
3/4 cup warm water
Mix in a spray bottle and shake gently to blend.

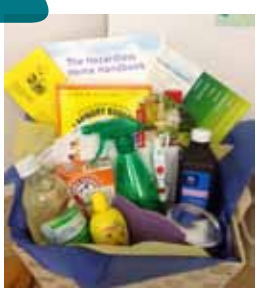
Soft scrub (use for tile, tubs, sinks)

1 cup baking soda
½ cup liquid vegetable-based soap (Dr. Bronners or Murphy's Oil Soap)
Mix ingredients to form a frosting-like paste. Scrub surfaces, rinse with water.

Glass cleaner

1 quart warm water
1/4 cup white distilled vinegar or 2 tablespoons lemon juice
Mix in a spray bottle and shake gently to blend.

For more info and recipes:
www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-living/healthy-home/green-cleaning



WIN YOUR OWN "GREEN CLEANER STARTER KIT"!

Send a photo of the cleaning supplies you would like to replace with green cleaners to wasteinfo@clackamas.us by April 30, and be entered in a drawing to win the green cleaner starter kit pictured here!

GREEN CLEANER INGREDIENTS AND THE ITEMS THEY REPLACE:

Cleaner	Find it in:	Use it to:	It replaces:
Baking soda (sodium bicarbonate)	Grocery store baking ingredients aisle	Scrub sinks and pots to remove stains; polish sterling or silver plate	Abrasive cleaners like Ajax, silver polishes
White distilled vinegar	Grocery store condiments aisle	Clean glass; remove soap scum, grease and mineral deposits	Window cleaners like Windex; drain treatments like Drano
Hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent	Pharmacy or grocery store first aid aisle	Brighten whites in the laundry; disinfect surfaces	Chlorine bleach
Plant-based liquid soap (castile soap)	Grocery store natural products section	Wash cars; mop floors; wash clothes; clean marble counters	Liquid car wash, laundry detergents, floor care products
Washing soda (sodium carbonate)	Grocery store laundry supplies aisle	Cut oven grease; remove stains; boost cleaning power of laundry soap	Oven cleaners, all-purpose cleaners like Oxi-Clean

McLoughlin students proudly place the new utensils in a wash tub after lunch.

School District cafeterias come clean, say goodbye to disposable forks

It all started with the student Green Team at McLoughlin Elementary in Oregon City. With Green Team leaders Nicky Potts and Regina Flynn, the students decided that they wanted to do something about the hundreds of plastic utensils thrown away every single day during lunch.

The students set out to research it. During a cafeteria waste audit, they collected all the disposable utensils that were thrown away, and found that their school used approximately 400 utensils every day. They did some math and determined the school was sending over 70,000 disposable utensils to the landfill each year!

The Green Team discussed possible solutions to the problem, and decided they wanted to use washable utensils during lunch. They brought the idea to their principal, Lisa Normand. She was extremely supportive, and encouraged the students to bring the idea to Chris Davison, Oregon City School District Nutrition Services Director. Davison had already been considering the idea of switching to washable utensils, and the students at the McLoughlin Green Team inspired him to get started.

McLoughlin started using washable utensils in fall 2015, and Davison plans to switch over to washables at all Oregon City elementary schools within the year. The district is reducing the amount of garbage they send to the landfill, saving energy and reducing greenhouse gases, and the washable utensils will save the district money over time. According to Davison's research, the utensils save money after 11 uses, which means the district enjoys cost savings in two weeks.

McLoughlin Elementary was recently certified as an Oregon Green School. Congratulations to the team for setting and achieving their waste reduction goals!

RECYCLE MORE PLASTIC WRAPS

Clean & dry plastic film packaging, bags and wraps are accepted at **Safeway, Albertsons and other participating retailers > plasticfilmrecycling.org**

Produce bags

Bags

Product wrap

Case wrap

Bread bags

Not in your curbside recycle cart

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, Damascus, Estacada, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, Sandy, West Linn and Wilsonville, and local garbage and recycling companies.

Contact

Clackamas County Conservation & Solid Waste

503-557-6363 wasteinfo@clackamas.us

www.clackamas.us/recycling

Celebrate Earth Day While Saving Money – Try these six eco-friendly activities!

1 MAKE YOUR OWN CLEANERS TO SAVE MONEY, DETOX YOUR HOUSE AND LESSEN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Homemade cleaners are inexpensive, effective, easier on your health and the environment, easy to make and a good way to detox your home! Check out the green cleaner family activity on page 7 for a few recipes.

2 SPRING CLEANING? DROP OFF THOSE 'HARD TO RECYCLE' ITEMS AT A DEPOT NEAR YOU!

Declutter your house by removing those broken or unneeded items. See the Recycling Depot List below for locations to take electronics, paint and stains, light bulbs, various plastics and more.

3 STORE FOOD PROPERLY TO EXTEND ITS LIFE

This will help save you time and money while wasting less – and maybe even take fewer trips for groceries.

"Storing Food for Safety and Quality" from Oregon State University Extension is an excellent reference: you can find it at **http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fch/food-preservation**.

Want an app? Google "proper food storage apps" to find one that is right for you.

4 START A NEW TRADITION WITH LEFTOVER SUNDAYS

Every Sunday take a look in your fridge and repurpose your leftovers to make an easy meal or snack. This can spark the creative cook in your home and use food that would otherwise have been wasted.

5 BECOME BFFS WITH YOUR REUSABLE COFFEE CUP AND WATER BOTTLE

If you prefer filtered water, a home filter for your tap water is much less expensive than bottled water. Most coffee shops give a discount for bringing in your own travel mug and your drink will stay hot longer!

6 BYOB (BRING YOUR OWN BAG)

Remember to take your reusable shopping bags with you not only to the grocery store, but to any shop! And ditch those plastic produce bags; most fruits and vegetables don't need to be bagged—they have their own natural packaging.

Get two $5 Healthy/Safe coupons!

Good for a free household hazardous waste drop-off at a Metro transfer station (if you bring a pesticide), and for natural garden products at participating stores. Call 503-557-6363 or email: wasteinfo@clackamas.us

RECYCLING Locations Convenient to Clackamas County

Drop-off locations for recycling and beyond. Confirm accepted materials and potential fees before you make the trip. For more locations, call Metro's Recycling Information Hotline: 503-234-3000 or go to **OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler**.

Deposit Containers

Return to BottleDrop Centers, retailers or grocery stores.
KnowYourNickle.org

Oregon E-Cycles

Recycling for computers, monitors, TVs, printers, keyboards and mice.
1-888-532-9253 · **OregonECycles.org**

Paints and Stains

Drop-off paint for FREE at PaintCare locations.
PaintCare.org

Prescription Medicine

Take medicine to a FREE Drug Drop Off Box location near you.
ClackamasProviders.org/drug-take-back-boxes
Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility also accepts medications for a fee.

Sharps (Needles, Lancets, Syringes)

Take to the Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility or call your collection company. Check with your local pharmacy.

KEY
✓ = no charge
$ = Fees required
✓/$ = Fees required for specific items

	Appliances - Lg. & Sm.	Batteries (Alkaline & Rechargeables)	Electronics (TVs, Monitors & Computers)	Glass Bottles & Jars	Household Hazardous Waste	Light bulbs, CFLs, Flourescent tubes, etc.	Motor Oil	Paper, Cardboard & Metal	Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs	Plastic (non-curbside, bulky & rigid)	Plastic Film, Bags & Wrap	Scrap Metal	Tires	Yard Debris
Clackamas County Transfer Station 19600 SE Canyon Valley Rd, Sandy 503-668-8885	✓/$		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	$	
City of Estacada Recycling Depot 800 NW Evergreen Way, Estacada 503-630-8286				✓				✓	✓					
Far West Recycling 341 Foothills Rd., Lake Oswego 503-200-5411 | farwestrecycling.com 4930 SE 26th Ave., Portland 503-238-1640 | farwestrecycling.com	✓	✓ *only rechargable batteries*	✓ *also accepts misc. e-waste*	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
K.B. Recycling 9602 SE Clackamas Rd., Clackamas 503-659-7004 1600 SE 4th Ave., Canby 503-266-7903	✓/$		✓	✓				✓	✓			✓		
McFarlane's Bark 13345 SE Johnson Rd., Milwaukie 503-659-4240 | mcfarlanesbark.com														$
Metro South Transfer Station 2001 Washington St., Oregon City 503-234-3000 | oregonmetro.gov	✓/$	$	✓	✓	$	$	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	$	$
R.S. Davis Recycling, Inc. 10105 SE Mather Rd., Clackamas 503-655-5433	✓/$		✓									✓		
S & H Landscaping Supplies 20200 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin 503-638-1011 | shbark.com														$
Universal Recycling Technologies 10151 SE Jennifer St., Clackamas 503-722-2236 | urtrecycles.com		✓/$	✓ *also accepts misc. e-waste*			✓/$								
West Linn Dan Davis Recycling Facility 4001 Willamette Falls Rd., West Linn 503-655-1928												✓		$
Willamette Resources, Inc. 10295 SW Ridder Rd., Wilsonville 503-570-0626	✓/$		✓					✓	✓		✓			

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Recycling at Home and Work

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**

YARD DEBRIS

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

Do not include:
x Plastic bags
x Household garbage
x Metal
x Food scraps or food-soiled papers
x Rocks
x Dirt or Sod
x Ashes
x Diapers
x Pet waste
x Oversized items
x Plastic
x Builiding lumber
x Stumps

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

In a 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**

SPOTLIGHTING A GREEN BEST PRACTICE

Looking for ways your business can trim paper waste? Here are some tips from our expert business advisors that could save you money and reduce waste.

Preventing paper waste

1. **Maximize use of electronic documents.**
   Share them through email, online in the cloud, or on a shared hard drive or server.
2. **Review your editing practices.**
   You can use narrower margins, smaller fonts, and check page breaks or print preview to avoid printing unwanted pages.
3. **Take advantage of your printer's abilities.**
   Set printer defaults to double-sided and utilize pin or code printing. Ask customer support to explain the conservation features on your multi-function machine.
4. **Eliminate individual desktop printers.**
   Save money on toner, ink, energy and maintenance. Sharing a central printer may also encourage employees to print less often.

Recycling for Apartments

MEET RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

Oregon law ORS 90.318c requires landlords to provide tenants with the opportunity to recycle and receive annual recycling education. In Clackamas County, landlords must also provide a two-sort recycling system, where glass is collected in one container and all other recyclables are collected in a second container.

As spring arrives, many people are cleaning and decluttering. This is a perfect time to orient new residents to recycling, update your property's collection area and remind everyone what goes where.

WE CAN HELP!

We are here to help you meet Oregon requirements. We have resources for residents to recycle more, tips to reduce waste and redirect trash, and strategize how to create a greener community. Contact us today!

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

Construction Waste Alert! Taking a load of remodeling, construction or demolition debris to a Metro transfer station? Proper documentation for loads that may contain asbestos is required from all customers. Loads with any material suspected of containing asbestos without proper documentation will be turned away. Find out more at oregonmetro.gov/asbestosrules

LOOKING TO RECYCLE AT YOUR EVENT THIS YEAR?

We can help you recycle bottles and cans. Clackamas County loans ClearStream recycling containers for events open to the public, such as races, tournaments, festivals, fairs and concerts. ClearStreams are simple to transport and set up, and an easy option to collect beverage containers that you can then redeem.

To reserve containers for your event, contact 503-742-4464 or rhale@clackamas.us.

Congratulations to these business leaders!

CERTIFIED
Lake Grove Car Wash
Shear Creations

SILVER
Danielsons Properties
Friends of Robinwood Station
Happyrock Coffee Roasting Co.
Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce
Nicholas G. Dose, DMD
Sandy Community Action Center
Vandenburgh Jewelers

GOLD
Babica Hen Cafe
Bike Gallery - Lake Oswego
City of Happy Valley
Coffee Creek Corrections
General Sheet Metal
Gubanc's
Kyra's Bake Shop
Mary's Woods Retirement
New Seasons - Happy Valley
New Seasons - Mountain Park
Norris Beggs & Simpson
Microsoft - Perceptive Pixel
Rockwell Collins
Tucci Italian Restaurant
Wishbone Home and Design

CLACKAMAS COUNTY LEADERS IN SUSTAINABILITY

PHOTO: Leaders in Sustainability, accompanied by County Commissioners and staff,, were recognized at a County Commissioner Business Meeting.

Making it Easy for Your Business to Be Green

We help businesses find easy - often overlooked - ways to green practices. We work hand-in-hand with hundreds of Clackamas County businesses each year to save money and make your workplace a healthier place.

Get certified | Green your business | Be recognized

Resource Conservation & Solid Waste

www.clackamas.us/recycling/lis
lis@clackamas.us
503-557-6363

Transportation and Development

Don't be a distracted driver – be aware and be safe

Distracted driving is any activity that takes a driver's attention away from the primary task of driving.

Almost one-half of crashes on Clackamas County roads involve the driver leaving his/her lane, including running off the road or crossing into oncoming traffic.

ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD WRECK IT ALL

The National Safety Council has declared April to be Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are three main types of driver distractions:

Visual: Taking your eyes off the road

Manual: Taking your hands off the steering wheel

Cognitive: Taking your mind off of driving

At 55 miles per hour, you are moving at a rate of 81 feet per second. If you take your eyes off the road for one, two or three seconds, you could travel from 80 to nearly 250 feet - and not know where you are going! A lot can happen in one, two or three seconds!

Distracted driving activities include things like using a cell phone, texting, eating and using in-vehicle technology (such as a navigation system). While any of these can endanger you and others, texting while driving is especially dangerous because it combines all three types of distraction.

Studies show that drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a crash while talking on a handheld or hands-free phone.

Whatever the distraction, you don't want to crash, so keep your focus on the number one task – driving. After all, we all deserve to get home safely to our families each night.

Learn more about the perils, and varieties, of distracted driving and how you can stay safe at **www.clackamas.us/drivetozero.**

LET'S STOP CRASHES DRIVE to ZERO IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Drive to Zero is Clackamas County's campaign to reduce injuries and fatalities on our roadways. Our goal is a 50 percent reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2022 and ultimately - zero.

While driver behavior is the primary cause of most crashes, roads are a factor in nearly 25 percent of crashes.

POSTERS AND COASTERS SAFE DRIVING CONTEST OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGH APRIL 15

All high school students in Clackamas County are invited to enter the Drive to Zero Posters and Coasters Safe Driving Media Contest. The goal of the contest is for students to create artwork promoting safe driving that can be used to reach out to others in the community.

Entries are judged on creativity, message impact and promotional appeal, and will all be eligible to be used for outreach. The students who create the top three entries will each win a gift certificate from Clackamas Town Center ($300 for first place, $200 for second place and $100 for third place).

The contest deadline is April 15. Submit entries to Patty McMillan, Clackamas County Drive to Zero Program Coordinator, either:

By mail: Drive to Zero – Engineering, Development Services Building, 150 Beavercreek Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

By email: PMcMillan@Clackamas.us

All entries must be accompanied by a signed release form. Contest details are available at **www.ClackamasSafeCommunities.org.**

Student artwork and written messages should be based on risk factors such as speed, distracted driving or impaired driving, or on prevention strategies such as seat belt use, parent support or eliminating distractions. McMillan encourages students to use positive, uplifting messages that reflect the need to drive with respect and courtesy.

Posters and Coasters is sponsored by Clackamas County Drive to Zero Program, Clackamas Town Center and State Farm Insurance.

Questions should be directed to McMillan at 503-742-4661 or PMcMillan@Clackamas.us.

Melody Xu from Lake Oswego High School won the contest in 2014 with this poster, reminding drivers to keep their attention on the road.

APRIL 14 OPEN HOUSE
BIKE/PEDESTRIAN OPTIONS IN MOUNT HOOD COMMUNITIES

If you live in or visit the communities on Mount Hood – like Brightwood, Welches, Wemme, Zigzag and Rhododendron – you may have ideas about how bike and pedestrian facilities could be improved. Walking and biking is popular for residents doing daily errands and for residents and visitors for recreational purposes.

Come learn more about the planning process going on now to identify and promote safe travel options within and between communities on Mount Hood and share your ideas!

Public Open House

6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 14
Resort at the Mountain, Lolo Pass Room
or online, April 16 – 29, at
www.walkbikevillages.org

For more information, contact
Lori Mastrantonio at 503-742-4511 or
LoriM@clackamas.us.

ROAD CONCERN OR QUESTION? LET US KNOW!

If you have a non-emergency concern (pothole, vegetation in the roadway, drainage problem) or question about any Clackamas County road, there's a quick and easy way to get answers:

CALL

503-557-6391

or EMAIL

RoadConcerns@clackamas.us

or via the WEBSITE

web3.clackamas.us/up/forms/roadconcern.jsp

HAZARDOUS ROADWAY CONDITION? LET US KNOW!

If you see a hazardous or emergency roadway condition* that needs immediate attention, please let us know as soon as possible!

During business hours (7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday,) CALL

503-557-6391
(Transportation Maintenance)

Outside business hours, CALL:

503-655-8211
(Sheriff's Office)

*Hazardous roadway conditions include the following:

- Down or missing stop sign
- Malfunctioning traffic signal
- Traffic obstructions on the roadway such as trees, standing water, dead deer or elk, debris or other material
- Pothole or sinkhole that is dangerous or difficult to avoid and/or go over

Dog Notes

Dog behavior specialist joins shelter team

Laura Perkins joined Dog Services in February as its new dog behavior specialist and volunteer trainer. Her position was made possible through a $10,000 grant from the nonprofit Clackamas Dogs Foundation (CDF).

Laura started as a volunteer with Dog Services last May. She is a certified Professional Dog Trainer with a master's in applied behavior analysis.

Laura is working with our staff to assess the dogs, to socialize and correct behavior issues in dogs with special needs, and to train our volunteers to effectively work with the dogs to help them be more "adoptable."

We recently visited with Laura so we could all get to know her a little better.

CDF: How did you get started with dog training?

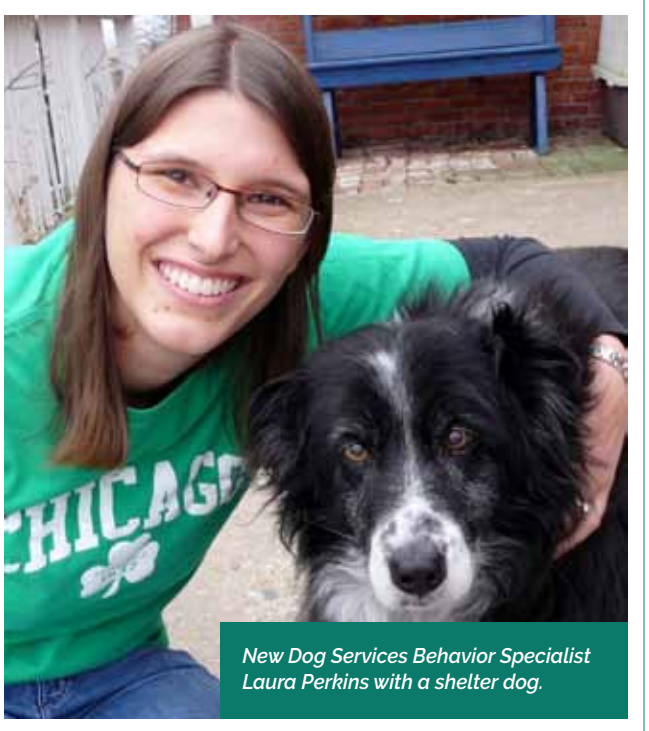
Laura: When I was eight years old, I joined the 4H club in my hometown. We worked on dog obedience and agility training, and I really got into the agility part. So, I started doing agility with my own dog and dog training stuck ever since.

CDF: What is the biggest difference in working with shelter dogs and pet dogs?

Laura: As expected, shelter dogs are much more fearful. They work really hard to understand their new environment, but it also takes time for us to learn what they like. It may take treats, petting or other kinds of attention to get them to perform desired tasks.

CDF: Who is easier to train – dogs or people?

Laura: Dogs! (laughing) They don't ask as many questions and work really hard to please you. However, properly training people on dog behavior makes it easier to train dogs.



New Dog Services Behavior Specialist Laura Perkins with a shelter dog.

CDF: What has your first month here taught you so far?

Laura: I've learned to look at every situation from more than one perspective. Different people bring out different emotions in each dog, and every interaction puts together a piece of the puzzle when trying to figure out a dog's personality.

CDF: Do you have a quick dog training tip?

Laura: Any time you have a problem with your dog's behavior, think about what you want the dog to be doing instead of what you don't want the dog to do. Keep rewarding the behavior you want. For example, if your dog jumps on people and you are in a situation where you know your dog wants to jump, make your dog sit first and reward him for that good behavior.

MARIJUANA AND YOUR PETS

by Lora Geisler D.V.M.

With the legalization of marijuana for recreational use, cases of pet poisonings have increased, especially in dogs. Pet owners are urged to know the facts and be aware of the potential risks to their pets of inhaling or ingesting marijuana.

Pets can be exposed to the plant in a few forms, including inhalation of secondhand smoke, and ingestion of products containing the plant or ingestion of human food made with marijuana such as brownies, cookies, butter, candy and other baked goods. (Since chocolate can already be a problem for dogs, foods that combine chocolate and marijuana increase the risk of poisoning.)

It is advisable to keep food and products containing marijuana out of the reach of your pets.

The symptoms of marijuana poisoning in a dog or cat, which are usually seen within 30 minutes to three hours of inhalation or ingestion, may include:

- Glassy eyes or dilated pupils
- Stumbling and lack of coordination
- Disorientation, vocalization
- Drowsiness, sedation, lethargy or severe depression
- Agitation, or hypersensitivity to stimulation or hyperactivity
- Urinary incontinence or dribbling
- Vomiting (may contain evidence of plant material or baked goods)
- Tremors, seizures and coma

If you think your pet has ingested marijuana, seek help from your veterinarian. Be up front with your veterinarian about what you think your pet ate, because the veterinarian can only provide the proper treatment if they have accurate information and are aware of the toxin. Please don't induce vomiting at home. If your pet is mentally dull, they could inhale the vomit which could lead to choking. Although it is rare for a pet to ingest a fatal amount of marijuana, it can happen.

With the use of medical marijuana for humans, many people wonder if marijuana can help their sick pet. Currently, there are no published studies concerning the therapeutic use of marijuana in pets. The effectiveness of the plant as a medicine for pets is being studied, but has not been scientifically established. Please consult your veterinarian before you give any medication, herb or supplement to your pet because there may be reasons why it could cause problems.

If your pet was exposed to marijuana or is showing signs of poisoning, please contact your veterinarian, or the Pet Poison Helpline at **www.petpoisonhelpline.com** or 855-764-7661 ($49/incident charge).

Shelter Updates!

WHERE ARE ALL THE DOGS?

If you follow our adoptable dogs webpage, you may have noticed we have had fewer dogs at the shelter recently. This is great, because it means more dogs are spending more time with their families. But we are all scratching our heads wondering … what is helping dogs stay at home?

We have heard theories ranging from the spay-and-neuter initiative working to social media helping lost dogs find their way home more quickly. Whatever it is, it's working and we hope to see this trend continue!

ADOPTION PROCESS TIPS

With fewer dogs at the shelter, the demand for adoptable dogs is greater than our supply. That's not a bad problem to have, but we just want to remind people that once we receive an adequate number of suitable applications for a particular dog, we take the dog off our list. This lets our team focus on setting up meet-and-greets and placing the dog into its forever home as soon as possible. If you are interested in adopting a dog, we suggest getting preapproved online **(www.clackamas.us/dogs/)** and coming into the shelter to meet the dogs.

DOG LICENSING

Did you know that licensing your dog is required by state law? Not only that, but licensing provides your dog with a ticket home if it ever does end up at our shelter. You can buy a license online (**www.clackamas.us/dogs/license.html**) or come by the shelter to see what we're all about!

DURING 2015...

- 556 dogs were reunited with their owners
- 358 dogs found new homes
- 81 dogs were transferred to rescue organizations to find new homes
- Volunteers donated more than 4,000 hours to keep shelter dogs well-fed, exercised, trained and ready for new homes

Judy and Rough enjoy some quiet time in front of the fireplace.

Senior dogs make great new pets

Have you ever considered adopting a senior dog? Senior dogs may need a bit more help during their final years, but the love and gratitude they bring into a home makes it more than worthwhile – as one of our volunteers found out.

Judy thought she was at her limit with three animals already in her family, but somehow a 10-year old Labrador retriever, Rough, managed to make his way into her loving home and she hasn't regretted it once.

Judy began volunteering at Dog Services more than five years ago, and after only eight months she found Rough. It happened innocently enough. While she was folding bedding, she looked into the isolation room down the hall to see what was new. A thump, thump, thump was coming from one of the enclosures, where she saw a very weak and emaciated dog lying on his blanket, but with a tail wagging like crazy.

At that moment, a technician asked Judy if she had time to walk him.

Judy was patient as the dog struggled to get up; he was clearly in pain. When she left that day, she did not know if she would see him again.

Five days later, Judy came back for her next volunteer shift at the shelter. Rough was now in his own kennel, still needing help to get up, but his tail never stopped wagging. Judy's husband Norm and their Labrador, Lily, came to meet Rough right away.

Judy and Norm entered the kennel and stooped down to Rough's eye level. He stole their hearts immediately – putting his head on Norm's lap and licking Judy's hand. After that, Rough was able to meet Lily and the two got along right away. That was it.

Two days later, with medicine and information in hand, Judy and Norm took Rough home.

Four and a half years later, Rough is still enjoying his life with Judy and Norm. He now has a thick coat of fur, is able to move around on his own, and continues to wag his tail. Judy knows that many people would think taking on a senior dog with failing back legs was not a wise choice, but it was the best choice for them. Rough has been a joy to their family bringing unconditional love.

www.clackamas.us/dogs

Volunteers needed for local restorative justice programs *- continued from page 6*

Community efforts like this rely on trained volunteers both as facilitators of these transformative processes and representatives of their communities. Youth are referred to a dialogue program when it is determined that they are taking responsibility, and will appropriately participate in a face to face meeting with members of their own community and/or victim(s) of the crime they committed. Victims only participate if meeting the offender can help to address their needs for information, acknowledgement, and to have a more meaningful voice in determining what the youth can do to work toward making things right.

Victims are often in the dark about who committed the crime, which can cause fear and anxiety, unless they have a chance to have their questions answered. The dialogue or diversion process allows each person to talk about the incident and the repercussions of it, which can result in questions being answered that allow everyone to experience satisfaction with the justice process and move forward in a positive manner.

If you are interested in being a community representative or training to become a volunteer facilitator, or would like to know more about these programs, please call Matthew Hartman in the Clackamas County Juvenile Department at 503-655-8310.

VICTIM OFFENDER DIALOGUE FACILITATOR TRAINING

May 5, 6, 11, 12 & 13: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Oregon City, OR

The following trainings and orientations are specifically for Happy Valley, Damascus, Clackamas and Canby residents for diversion programming in those communities

DIVERSION PROGRAM FACILITATOR TRAINING

June 9, 10, 16, 17 & 18: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Oregon City, OR

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ORIENTATIONS

June 27; 6 – 8 p.m., Happy Valley, OR
June 30; 6 – 8 p.m., Canby, OR

Protecting Our Rivers and Streams

"We're flushing the idea that wastewater is waste. Wastewater is not waste – it's water, nutrients, and energy wasted only when we don't recover them."

–WES Biosolids Supervisor Chanin Bays

WES conserves, generates and recovers vital resources from sewage process

Flush and forget. That's what most people do. Not so with the staff of Clackamas County's Water Environment Services (WES). WES Biosolids Supervisor Chanin Bays, who leads WES' resource recovery team, describes a necessary yet hidden wastewater industry that has changed over the decades along with the world.

"It may be difficult to imagine working in an industry that for many years effectively had the goal of being invisible, said Bays, "The wastewater industry had that goal. People don't want to know what happens once they flush their toilets, they just want to flush and make it all go away."

Society has increasingly become aware of limited natural resources and the industry is actively adjusting its public image. WES is now helping to educate the public about its sustainable work to protect public health and the environment.

"We're flushing the idea that wastewater is waste. Wastewater is not waste – it's water, nutrients, and energy wasted only when we don't recover them," said Bays, who pointed out that the mission throughout WES facilities is to recover these vital resources. "Our focus is on conservation, generation and recovery."

Biogas, biosolids and clean water are three primary resources that the two largest WES facilities (in Oregon City and Milwaukie) work to conserve, generate and recover.

Wastewater treatment processing produces heat and biogas – the gaseous mix of methane and other gases produced from bacterial decomposition of organic wastes. WES captures these fuels and uses them to generate electricity at both facilities.

Additionally, WES recovers vital nutrients from nutrient-rich biosolids derived from the solids-handling process during wastewater treatment. Once treated to meet state and federal regulations, biosolids can be beneficially used as a fertilizer to help plants grow. WES works with approved growers to apply this fertilizer to agricultural fields.

Most importantly, WES facilities recover and treat over six billion gallons of water every year then return this cleaned water to the Willamette River.

"Wastewater and its components – both solid and liquid – may have an 'ick factor' but they play a vital role in soil management, energy production and maintaining clean water sources," said Bays. "At WES, we're responsibly and sustainably taking the 'ick' out of your resources and returning them to the community."

To learn more about how WES and the wastewater industry take the waste out of wastewater, visit **www.clackamas.us/wes.**

WHAT TO FLUSH OR NOT TO FLUSH? Clackamas County 4th and 5th graders learned that toilets are not trash cans during the annual springtime Clackamas County Water Education Team's Celebrating Water event in March - where North Clackamas high school students did the teaching.

TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS™

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING CAUSES OF SEWER BACKUPS

Q: Should I flush wipes down the toilet, especially products marked "flushable"?

A: DO NOT FLUSH ANY WIPES DOWN THE TOILET! Wipes are made to be strong and do not fall apart like toilet paper. Wipes can collect within sewer pipes and can cause raw sewage to back up into homes and businesses.

Q: Will pouring hot water down the drain dissolve oil or grease?

A: Hot water doesn't help flush the grease out. Temporarily melted grease will travel down the drain and eventually flow into a sewer pipe where it then cools and coats the inside of the pipe. Grease buildup clogs pipes and can cause raw sewage to back up into homes and businesses.

Q: If a sewer backs up, who fixes it?

A: Property owners are responsible for the sewer pipes on their property to the point where their pipes reach the pipes connected to the district sewer pipes. Educating property owners of the causes of sewer backups can help save property owners money and protect public health and the environment.

Learn more about protecting public health and the environment at **www.clackamas.us/wes.**

REPORT POLLUTION ENTERING STORM DRAINS AND WATERWAYS

Water Environment Services (WES) protects public health and the environment within the unincorporated urban areas of Clackamas County and Happy Valley by preventing certain sources of pollution from being unlawfully discharged or accidentally spilled into storm drains, such as paint waste, chlorinated pool/hot tub water, automotive fluids, and chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

Storm sewer systems typically provide little or no treatment for spills which can pass directly into a local waterway. If you become aware of a significant spill or inappropriate discharge into a storm sewer system, please contact WES at 503-742-4567 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. All other times, please call the county dispatch center at 503-655-8211 (non-emergency number) and ask the dispatcher to notify WES. Visit **www.clackamas.us/wes** to learn more about protecting water quality.

Take the 2016 Community Survey!

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- The overall value of the services we provide (county parks, law enforcement, responding to disasters).
- The interest level in, and quality of, this very publication (*Citizen News*).
- How we can better communicate with you about all things the county does.

Interested? We would love to hear from you! The online survey will be open until April 30, and we'd like as many responses as possible. Simply visit the front page of our website, **www.clackamas.us**, and click on the image below. Your responses are anonymous, and results will be shared publicly and with the Board of County Commissioners for planning purposes.

Commissioners set May advisory vote on road maintenance funding

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The board agreed that any options put forward would be for a limited time and would include a list of the specific maintenance and safety projects that would be accomplished with the funds generated.

Clackamas County is responsible for 1,400 miles of roads, and more than half of them are in fair-to-poor condition. The county is not allowed to pay for road maintenance with property tax revenue and road funding revenue has remained nearly static for more than 20 years, so there is now a $265 million gap between the amount of county road maintenance needed and available funds.

The county relies on three primary sources of revenue for road maintenance – state gas taxes, state heavy-weight mile taxes (from trucks) and state vehicle registration/title fees.

More information about road maintenance is available at **www.TheRoadAhead.us.**

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

You may be eligible for help with your power bill
- You don't have to have a past-due notice.
- You may be eligible even if you pay your bill every month.
- Assistance is available for a variety of energy needs.

ASISTENCIA DE ENERGÍA

Usted podría ser elegible para una ayuda en su factura
-Usted no necesita tener una factura vencida.
-Usted pude ser elegible aunque page su factura cada mes.
-Asistencia está disponible para una variedad de necesidades de energía.

Помощь По Энергоснабжению

Вы можете получить помощь в оплате вашего счёта
- Вам не обязательно иметь не уплаченный счёт.
- Вам может быть предоставлена помощь даже если вы платите каждый месяц.
- Помощь доступна для различных потребностей в энергии.

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2	$2,390.08
3	$2,952.42
4	$3,514.75
5	$4,077.17
6	$4,639.50
7	$4,744.92
8	$4,850.42

Each additional member: add $105.44
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Libraries and Parks

Friends of the Boring Station Trailhead Park reached their fundraising goal – and then some.

Boring community group rallies around park project

The Boring Station Trailhead Park is a beautiful place to visit and relax. The park opened in 2012 after much anticipation by community members and the staff of Clackamas County Parks.

But the community residents are the ones who worked to make it happen, and they had a vision that wasn't complete. The Friends of the Boring Station Trailhead Park (FBSTP), a committee of the Boring-Damascus Grange #260, have been fundraising and advocating for about two years to purchase and install a play structure at the park – the next component of their comprehensive plan.

With support from the community, FBSTP partnered with the Boring-Damascus Grange and the county to find out how it could be done.

"This has been a great example of how the county and a community can work together in partnership," Parks Manager Rick Gruen said. "This community group had a goal for a playground – and like their other goals – they made it happen."

Gruen met with Boring residents and FBSTP members, including Dan O'Dell, a lifelong resident of the Boring area and FBSTP Chair.

The county agreed to pay for delivery and installation of the playground equipment, if the community could gather the funds to purchase it.

The first step was deciding what the playground area would look like.

"The committee hosted three community planning sessions to help design the playground structures," explained O'Dell. "The design we all wanted would cost about $80,000."

The community began to raise $65,000, and Gruen said County Parks could contribute the remaining $15,000 to complete the project.

"A huge portion of that $65,000 came from the Boring-Damascus Grange," said O'Dell. "We raised the rest through donations from local businesses, private citizens, the Boring CPO and a grant from the Ford Foundation."

One of the biggest fundraising events sponsored by the grange was the Celebration in Boring, a day-long festival held every September at the Boring Middle School that features a carnival, music, vendors and other activities. The proceeds from the event went toward the park plan.

The playground structure arrived from the manufacturer in late February and is scheduled to be installed by April. Part of the expense is due to the unique design of one of the play structures – it features a mini version of the old "Boring Station" railroad depot that used to be located where the park is now.

"The design is going to appeal to kids and adults," O'Dell said. "The park was meant to better the community and spur economic development. There were no parks in Boring. This one is unique."

A concept of what the play area will look like at the park.

FBSTP is already busy planning for the next phase: a covered picnic area at the park.

The Celebration in Boring is on Sept. 11, and more information is available at **www.celebrationinboring.com**. To learn more about county parks, visit **www.clackamas.us/parks.**

Juggler Curt Carlyle visited the Happy Valley Library recently.

FAMILY FUN AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

The Library Network of Clackamas County (LINCC) invites you to explore all programs and services community libraries offer. In addition to great books and resources, libraries offer a wide calendar of fun and educational programs for adults and youth. Go to **www.lincc.org** to find out what's happening this spring. Don't forget about the Summer Reading program through the libraries!

HARMONY ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PLAYGROUND REVITALIZED

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) has completed remodeling of the Harmony Road Neighborhood Park playground, located in the city of Milwaukie near the North Clackamas Aquatic Center. The playground, which was built in 1994 and is part of the 1.5-acre park, received renovations for improved accessibility, safety and overall aesthetic.

Construction to restore the playground began in November of 2015 and resulted in approximately $35,000 in upgrades. Improvements to the existing playground include pouring new concrete to make it wheelchair accessible, upgrading the wooden decking of the play structure with durable coated steel, painting and powder coating existing hardware, and replacing worn rubber safety matting with engineered wood fiber chips. The newly renovated Harmony Road Neighborhood Park playground is now open for play and welcomes children and local community members.

For more information on Harmony Road Neighborhood Park and other parks located in North Clackamas County, visit **www.ncprd.com.**