



Clackamas County staff on Feb. 28 in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The EOC is responsible for coordinating the public health response, information and logistics in a variety of emergency situations.

From the beginning, #ClackCo acts to safeguard community

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted our community, state and nation in a way not seen in a century.

Clackamas County is here for members of our community during this time of uncertainty. The county's Emergency Operations Center sprang into action on Feb. 28 after learning of a suspected case of the virus in a local school district. Our EOC team has been fully activated and working around the clock since to keep our community safe and informed.

The Emergency Operations Center coordinates public health response, information and critical logistics in the event of an all-hazards emergency incident. By training, county staff in emergency response, Clackamas County is prepared to minimize

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The EOC is staffed by medical professionals, communication experts, disaster preparedness officials and a variety of other specialists who are adept at responding to emergencies.

A day in the life: The county's Emergency Operations Center

Nancy Bush has served as Clackamas County Disaster Management Director for 12 years and is leading the COVID-19 coordinated response from the county's Emergency Operations Center.



What is the Emergency Operations Center?

Our Emergency Operations Center is a central command and control facility responsible for all-hazard response for the county. We provide strategy, coordination and communication during emergencies. We train for this year-round, and are prepared to respond to floods, earthquakes, and in this case, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Is it just you in the Emergency Operations Center?

We have a lot of people working together to make sure we can support the COVID-19 response needs for everyone in the county. We are divided into key sections:

- **Public Information** provides news and updates to the public so that you can keep yourself and your families safe.
- **Logistics** helps us get bulk orders of things like personal protective equipment and other needed materials, and ensures that it is distributed fairly among our county agencies.
- **Operations** closely coordinates with county departments and outside stakeholders to meet specific needs like housing, transportation, and to triage other emergencies.
- **Finance** tracks expenses and makes payments.

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BEAVERCREEK HAMLET COMES TOGETHER DURING COVID-19



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EARTH DAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Gary's Commentary: A community rallies; budget feedback needed



The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has touched us all. I am extremely proud of the incredible work our county employees have accomplished during this challenging period to continue serving the public of Clackamas County (see front page).

Our community members' ongoing support for each other is amazing. Here are just a few examples I've seen that show we're in this together:

- The Clackamas Town Center offered its parking lots to the county to use for staging areas, testing, or other needed temporary facilities.
- Retired nurses contacted us, asking how they can help.
- School districts in Clackamas County started providing meals to students during closures. Many even offered food during spring break, a huge help to families.
- The Hamlet of Beavercreek is making 100 breakfasts and 100 lunches daily for children in their community in need.
- And last, but certainly not least, the Oregon Humane Society donated 5,000 masks and 50 protective suits to

protect the county's front-line medical responders.

In order to keep both county employees and residents safe, in March all county staff began working virtually (except those performing critical in-person services such as law enforcement, public safety, human services and infrastructure needs).

The county remains open for business, and all residents and customers are encouraged to contact us electronically. Please visit www.clackamas.us/departments and www.clackamas.us/coronavirus/closures to see how to contact us and any changes to our operating hours.

Budget season

The work of Clackamas County continues. Our annual budget hearings are held in May and this year is no exception. State law requires the county to pass a balanced budget, and we always have.

At the time of this writing, it is unclear whether the county Budget Committee will be able to meet in person this year. Rest assured, the public will be able to watch and participate virtually in all

budget hearings and provide comments.

Your feedback is more important than ever. Clackamas County continues to rightsize its budget and become leaner – an endeavor that was put into place in the middle of 2019. Nearly 3,000 community members provided feedback on the value of certain services that rely on the county's General Fund, comprised of your property tax dollars, of about \$135 million. Thank you for this valuable feedback. You may learn more about why we are facing a fiscal challenge, the steps we've taken, and the results of that survey, at www.bit.ly/RightsizeClackCo.

The budget meetings will take place in late May. Please get involved. Your input truly does make a difference. I hope all interested parties take the time to relay their thoughts and opinions. We cannot serve you to the greatest extent possible if we do not hear your needs.

Once budget meeting locations/virtual details are set, you will be able to see them at www.clackamas.us/budget.

Thank you all for your courage and compassion throughout these challenging times, and for your ongoing dedication to your community.



Have your say!

Budget meetings will take place in late May (either in-person or virtually). Please get involved! Locations/virtual details forthcoming. See them at www.clackamas.us/budget.

EOC: Organization 'doing an outstanding job'

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- **Planning** is responsible for staffing the emergency operations center, prepares reports to state and federal agencies, and generally works to make sure everything runs smoothly.
- **Command** is the team who is responsible for strategy, subject matter expertise, leadership and guidance during an incident.

How do you work with outside partners?

We are in close coordination with other counties, the state and the federal government, as well as our cities, law enforcement and fire districts. Between daily phone calls, briefings, sharing documents and responding to requests from other agencies, we find that coordination and communication is incredibly important.

What's a typical day been like for you during this response?

There is no typical day. COVID-19 has been an event unlike any other, and things are chang-

ing rapidly, sometimes hourly. We may spend a few hours creating a video on how law enforcement officers can incorporate social distancing best practices into their day-to-day work, only to have the guidelines change the next day. We do our best to respond to all the questions, adapt to the ever-changing environment and help everyone we can. Having said that, the EOC is doing an outstanding job, and everyone involved is to be commended for their dedication and professionalism.

Where should people go to get the latest information on COVID-19?

We urge people to only use credible sources for information. Some of the best sites are:

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/
- Oregon Health Authority www.oregon.gov/oha/pages/index.aspx
- People can also go to www.clackamas.us/coronavirus for the most up to date information.

#ClackCo PublicAlerts

Clackamas County has upgraded how it communicates with residents during emergency and disaster situations. All residents are urged to enroll or re-enroll in the new system to receive critical life safety messaging via email, phone call, and text.

Learn more about the new Public Alerts Notification System at www.clackamas.us/publicalerts

Clackamas County Disaster Management



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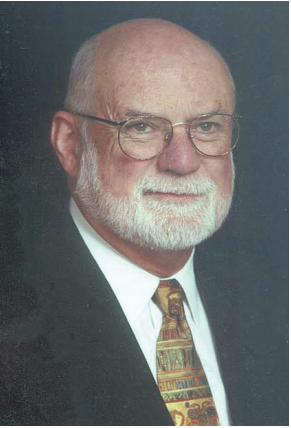
GET INVOLVED!

Clackamas County is committed to engaging residents in the public process. There are many ways for you to get involved. Sign up for email updates at www.clackamas.us/constantcontact.html.

Remembering Ernie Platt

Clackamas County was sad to learn of the passing of Ernie Platt in March, due to cancer.

Ernie was active in the community for years, including holding positions with the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, Clackamas Repertory Theater, and Sunrise Water Authority, just to cite a few. He hosted several events for the county, including our annual State of the County event. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.



Beavercreek community members joined forces to help feed Beavercreek Elementary students in March during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beavercreek community rallies to fight food insecurity among children during COVID-19 response

When school closures became more of a matter of when and not if in mid-March due to COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Beavercreek community knew they had to step in.

After community leaders learned that 27 percent of students at Beavercreek Elementary School rely on school-provided meal assistance, they took action. But there was a problem. While officials from the Oregon City School District were working to address food insecurity throughout Oregon City, there was not a convenient distribution point for children in the Beavercreek area.

Tammy Stevens, chairperson of The Hamlet of Beavercreek, knew it would take a community effort to ensure these children did not go hungry. Stevens began reaching out to community partners – the Hamlet of Beavercreek, the Beavercreek Grange, Beavercreek Saloon, Kissin’ Kate’s Café and more. Community members came together to provide grab-and-go style breakfasts and lunches to children in need.

Volunteers collected money to purchase food, prepared the meals and distributed them out of the Beavercreek Grange. Volunteers even provided delivery to families in need. Family farmers stepped up and donated fresh eggs to hard boil and include in the meals.

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#ClackCo Commissioners Notebook: Responding to the Coronavirus pandemic

Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, #ClackCo Commissioners have done what they can to ensure the health, safety and long-term security of our residents and community as a whole. We caught up with each commissioner, to give them a chance to reflect on the ongoing situation.



Commission Chair
Jim Bernard

Coordination is crucial

In 11-and-a-half years as an elected official, I have never seen such a severe emergency as COVID-19, or witnessed a greater impact to our communities. And I have never been as proud to work with county staff who stepped up to keep the public safe and informed. During this pandemic, I meet daily (virtually) with the Multnomah and Washington county chairs to coordinate response. Coordination allows us to take steps together to fight the virus as effectively as possible.



Commissioner
Sonya Fischer

Being informed and informing others is key

The coronavirus is touching lives in ways never imagined. My focus has been on promoting a stable safety net for families, children, seniors, those with mental health challenges and the unsheltered. Critically important has been building capacity for shelter for those who are sick and must self-quarantine. Highlighting the needs of families struggling in isolation with the potential for increased domestic and child abuse is also a priority along with ensuring readiness to meet increased mental health challenges. Being informed and informing others is key to our collective success. The overwhelming support for those most in need continues to inspire.



Commissioner
Ken Humberston

Working together

The collaboration, unity, and togetherness – even from our homes – has been inspiring during this event. This pandemic has reminded me that we spend a lot of time in the public arena working out details, and it can mean we can miss the bigger picture of what it means to be in a community with each other. Isolation is an essential first step during this pandemic, and yet it is a leading cause of loneliness. This is why I have prioritized reaching out to people to answer questions and provide information and resources to thousands online to make them feel included and not alone. It is important to me to ensure our most at-risk communities, including seniors and homeless, are not forgotten and have the resources to survive.



Commissioner
Paul Savas

Proud of our early action

This event is touching everyone’s lives in a way that we could never have expected. I am proud that our commission was the first Oregon county to declare an emergency, taking immediate action. Up until the Stay Home, Stay Healthy declaration we had one of the hottest economies in the nation. We will rebound, we will overcome this setback, and we must do it together. This is the time to pull together as a community. Let’s recognize our health care workers, doctors, and the workforce that is producing, transporting and stocking the shelves. Their dedication has never been so pronounced.



Commissioner
Martha Schrader

Ensuring essential services jobs are staffed

So much has changed since February. People are not just getting sick, people are losing their jobs. Since our initial declaration, I am working with the Clackamas Workforce Partnership and other county partners to help ensure essential services jobs are staffed. Once this pandemic clears, it will take years for Oregon and our country to rebound from the economic damage this has caused for businesses and families, right here in Clackamas County. I know the strong will of those who live in our many communities will endure as along as we are working together.



Public Housing: Waiting list opening postponed

The Housing Authority of Clackamas County has postponed opening the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 Waiting Lists, originally slated for April.

The waiting lists will now open June 15, 2020 at 8 a.m. The deadline to apply is 6 p.m. on June 18, 2020.

Housing Authority officials expect as many as 10,000 applications for approximately 2,700 spaces during this open period.

Eligibility requirements

During the application period, you can apply online at www.waitlistcheck.com/OR47. To qualify for a waitlist, a household must not make more than the following percentage of the area median income:

- 80% for Public Housing
- 50% for Section 8
- 50% for Clayton Mohr Commons (veteran's housing)
- 50% for Rosewood Station

Applications will be placed in a random lottery drawing. About 1,700 applicants will be added to the Public Housing waitlist and 700 will be added to the Housing Choice Voucher Section 8 waitlist. Applicants will be notified whether they were selected or not within 90 days.

Need help with your electronic application? Computers and personal assistance will be provided Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the following locations:

- The Housing Authority Administrative Office: 13930 South Gain St, Oregon City, OR, 97045, Spanish and Russian interpreters/translators onsite.
- Hillside Property Management Office: 2889 SE Hillside, Milwaukie, OR 97222

To find out the qualifications for the various housing programs and which housing program is the best fit for your needs, visit the Housing

Authority website at:

www.clackamas.us/housingauthority

You can also email any questions to:

hacc@clackamas.us

HINT honored by Oregon senator



Pictured from left to right: Retired volunteer Mary Clark, Clackamas Community College instructor Camilo Sanchez, Clackamas County staff member Maria Magallon, U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, Clackamas County staff member Jose Magallon and retired volunteer Mike Foley posed for a photo after Merkley presented a U.S. flag that has flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C., to honor Maria Magallon, the equity services and community engagement coordinator for the county. Magallon is a member of the Hispanic Interagency Networking Team (HINT), which connects Hispanic people to services in the county.

9th Annual #ClackCo Community Festival



Clackamas County's employee-based Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council invites you to join them for a day of networking and fun at a family event celebrating our rich regional culture and heritage. Food vendors, live music and info from local organizations!

**Saturday, July 25
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

During the Oregon City Farmers Market
2051 Kaen Road in Oregon City
(in the Circle of Honor courtyard across from the market)

For more information and updates on the festival, please visit www.clackamas.us/diversity

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Planning underway to improve transit service throughout county

Though there are seven transit providers in Clackamas County, large areas of the county have no transit service, and the service there is varies in frequency and accessibility. To set the stage to improve transit options in the county, staff is working with the community, transit providers and partners to study the status of transit in the county and create a plan that can guide future transit investments.

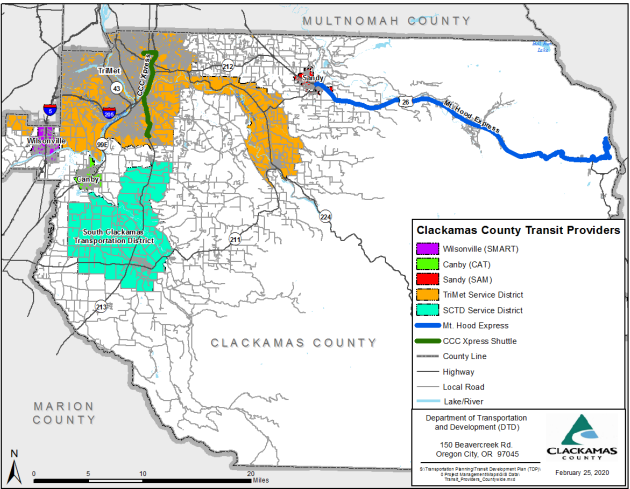
The 18-month project includes extensive public involvement to:

- Identify needed and important transit connections

- Talk about transit needs throughout the county
- Identify and prioritize ways to address the needs

A Project Advisory Committee (PAC) of county stakeholders and residents will meet regularly to review project information and plans, make suggestions and recommend the final Transit Development Plan. Meetings will be open to the public and include time for public comment.

To learn more about the project or sign-up for email updates, check www.clackamas.us/planning/transit or contact Brett Setterfield, bsetterfield@clackamas.us, 503-742-4511.



Property Taxes:

3rd Trimester Property Tax payments due May 15

If you elected to pay your property taxes in installments, the final payment (the third of three) is due May 15.

Visit www.clackamas.us/at for how to pay and to see whether our Assessment & Taxation office is open to the public or operating virtually. Be sure to contact us early with any questions or concerns!

Keep the wipes out of pipes!

Toss all hand wipes, baby wipes and other wipes in the trash instead of flushing them down the toilet.

These so-called “flushable” wipes do not disintegrate in water like toilet paper. In fact, the vast majority of these products stay fully intact, which means they can clog pipes and cause sewage backups.

No wipes are flushable, even if the packaging claims they are. Toilet paper should be the only thing you flush down the toilet.



Clackamas County Business Spotlight

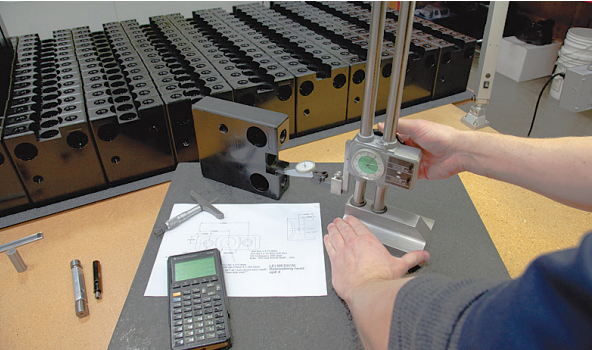
Supera Anesthesia Innovations

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ANESTHESIA INNOVATIONS

President and CEO Brian Lawson answers some questions about his company.

- Q: How many years have you been in business?**
- A: Since 1993.
- Q: What is the mission of your business?**
- A: To provide the safest veterinary anesthesia machines made in the USA.
- Q: What inspired you to start your business?**
- A: Love of animals and the drive to improve their lives.



- Q: What’s an interesting fact about your business most people don’t know?**
- A: We distribute our machines all over the world. Most people don’t know we engineer and manufacture all of our product in house. We have a complete manufacturing facility here in Clackamas.
- Q: What has been your biggest success and/or challenge to date?**
- A: Changing the oxygen supply paradigm in veterinary medicine. Our oxygen concentrator technology replaces the need for expensive oxygen tanks.
- Q: Do you have any advice for new business owners in Clackamas County?**
- A: Research the many opportunities that Clackamas County has to offer. They often lead to great cost savings and added support with big decisions that can help you grow.



RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS



Clackamas County Community Development Division is seeking residential contractors to be considered for the Housing Rehabilitation list of qualified contractors to bid on home repair jobs between \$5,000 and \$35,000 each. Interested contractors may complete an application online at:

www.clackamas.us/communitydevelopment

click on home repairs.

If you have additional questions please contact Housing Rehab Specialists Jayson Tidland 503-650-5672 jtidland@clackamas.us or Mike Woolman 503-650-5671 mwoolman@clackamas.us

The County does not recommend or endorse contractors who participate.

Minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Earth Day Turns 50 Years Old

Each year, thousands of Clackamas County residents flock to the Willamette River to boat, water ski and swim in its waters, while also keeping an eye out for wildlife. Fifty years ago the bald eagles regularly seen along the river banks today were all but extinct, and wastewater flowed directly into the river, killing fish and posing health risks to people.

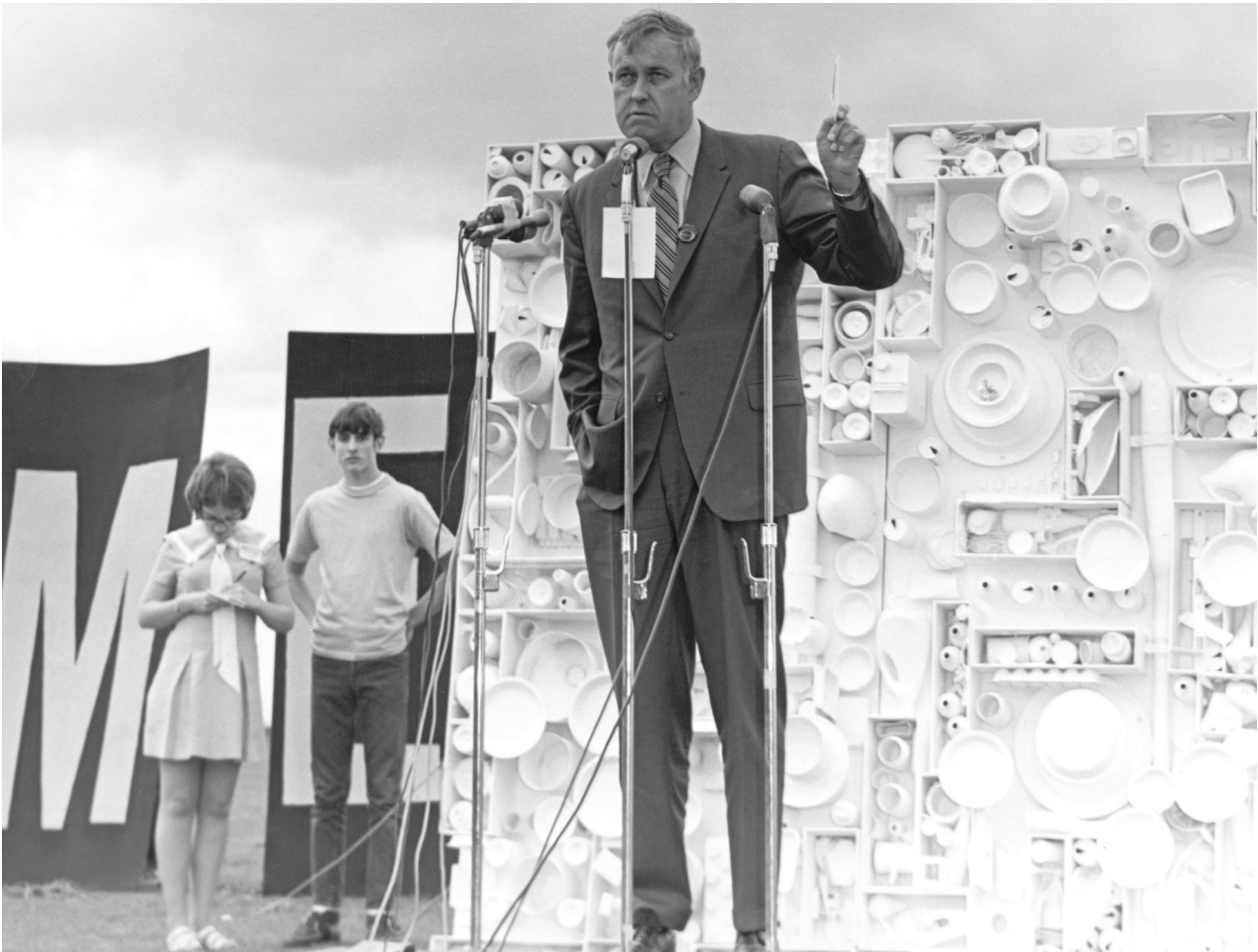
Now we can all enjoy the Willamette River and its wildlife due, in large part, to the environmental movement born out of the first Earth Day 50 years ago.

In the late 1960s, fueled by growing public awareness of air and water pollution, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin decided to take inspiration from campus “teach-ins” against the Vietnam War and have a nationwide teach-in about the environment. This first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 showed wide public support for addressing environmental issues.

Over the next decade, more than 28 initiatives passed through Congress to clean up the environment and protect our health. Our communities now have cleaner air and water and rare species have habitat protections through the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. These laws have improved our health and also had huge economic benefits. By 1972, the pesticide DDT, which was leading to the rapid decline of bald eagle populations, was banned. Solutions to reduce acid rain and protect our ozone layer have also been successful.

The nationwide movement and new laws gave Oregonians more tools for local change, including initiatives that have allowed families to enjoy the Willamette River as we know it today.

In 2011, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and tribal advocates led Oregon in adopting stricter water quality standards to better protect the health of people regularly eating fish from the Willamette River. The Clean Water Act requires governments and businesses to test and correct the temperature of discharged water before releasing it into rivers. They must also offset the temperature effects of their outputs by planting native plants along the river to increase shade cover, and keep waters cool for our salmon and macroinvertebrate species.



Governor Tom McCall speaking to an audience at present day Parkrose Middle school in Portland during the first Earth Day celebration, April 22, 1970. Gary Scott Photo Collection.

While the first Earth Day and every Earth Day since then has led to massive improvements in the quality of our air and water, and recovery for many endangered species, much work is still needed. As climate change progresses and water in the Willamette and other rivers becomes hotter and recedes, the water that we love to play in is impacted by more frequent toxic summer algae blooms which can be toxic to both humans and wildlife.

As if sensing the future, Oregon Governor Tom McCall stood before Fremont Junior High School (now Parkrose Middle School) students on the first Earth Day 50 years ago and said, “We must not let this vital issue of environmental rescue become a cliché — talked to death before action could be coordinated.”

As new threats to our environment and health arise, continued action is needed -- and Earth Day serves as a reminder and incentive to do so.



While many Earth Day events have been canceled this year due to COVID-19, you can still participate from home by checking out 50 things you can do to protect our environment and reduce climate change at: www.bit.ly/50actionsforearthday



COVID-19 and your Garbage and Recycling Service



- Please protect our drivers. Bag all garbage securely. Never bag your recyclables.
- Drivers continue to collect extra bags of garbage placed next to your garbage can for the standard extra fee.
- To protect drivers’ health, garbage companies are limiting the number of people in a truck. This may impact curbside collection of large items (such as furniture, refrigerators, etc.). Contact your company to learn about options such as requesting a temporary container or drop box.
- Multifamily property managers can also request a temporary container or drop box to collect large items from residents, or store them until large item collection resumes.
- If COVID-19 reduces your garbage and recycling company’s workforce, the frequency and priority of what is collected may change. Your company will contact you, or you can visit www.clackamas.us/recycling.

Spring Cleaning?

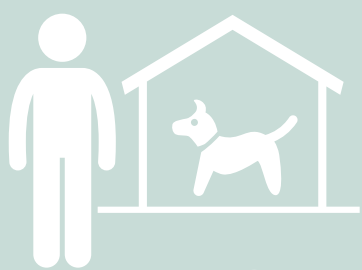
Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste such as batteries, chemicals, paints and cleaners.

The \$5 fee to dispose of these materials at the Metro South Household Hazardous Waste Facility is waived until August 2020.

DOGGONE FACTS


How Dog Services helped our dogs and community in 2019

23,252 
licensed dogs


71%

of lost pets reunited with their owners

6,172 
pounds
of food shared with local food banks

194  Microchips implanted at monthly clinics
200 dogs Placed in homes & rescues so far

Dog Services wants to thank our community for supporting the dogs in Clackamas County. The dogs we help and those that enter our shelter come from our communities and we're grateful for the people that give back by licensing, adopting, volunteering, donating and sharing our adoptable dogs. It's everything combined that allows us to do what we do. Thank you!



Your Community Road Fund at work



This summer, we'll begin working in the field on transportation projects paid for by the Community Road Fund (CRF). (CRF funds come from the recently-enacted countywide vehicle registration fee.)

Safety improvements

- Improving visibility and operations at intersections with traffic signals:
 - Johnson Creek Blvd at Linwood Road
 - Johnson Creek Blvd at Bell Ave.
 - Sunnyside Road at Sunnybrook Blvd.

- Bob Schumacher Road at Causey Ave.
- Jennifer Street at Evelyn St.

- Increasing safety by adding curve warning signs, stop ahead signs, etc.

Paving local roads

- Ferguson from Beaver Creek Road north to end of county maintenance, about 1 mile north of Henrici
- Carus Road from Lower Highland to Beaver Creek Road

Congestion relief – Projects are in the planning and design stages, with construction planned for future years. Details at www.clackamas.us/transportation/crf.

Repair Fair volunteers give your broken items a second chance

On the morning of any given Repair Fair, a group of volunteers lug their favorite tools and spare parts into the event space. Their mission is to fix as many broken "things" that come through the doors as possible.

And at Repair Fairs, you never know what might come through those doors.

Repair Fairs are free community events that bring people together with fixing skills and people with broken items. These events are currently on hold, but our volunteers cannot wait to get back to fixing, once it's safe to do so. Seven to 15 volunteers use their unique skillsets and favorite kinds of fixes to each event.

"It's fun!" said Oregon City resident and volunteer Hugh Hudson. "The repair people are interesting, and I enjoy interacting with the attendees." Hudson has volunteered at nearly every Repair Fair in Clackamas County since 2017 and has worked on all sort of items from antique record players to electric scooters.

"Troubleshooting the repairs keeps my mind alert," Hudson said, who came by his fixing skills out of curiosity for how things work. "It's the thrill of bringing a broken item back to life."

For Clackamas County resident and volunteer Paul Ciri, Repair Fairs come naturally. "I've been fixing things all my life," said Ciri. "I think I learned about the opportunity in a newsletter three years ago." Since then, he has been a regular volunteer.

"My mother got me started when she gave me a lawnmower carburetor to either fix, repair or throw out back when I was 10," said Ciri. With everything going on in the world, repairing broken items gives Ciri a sense of stability. "Fixing is a matter of figuring out what a problem is and assigning a task to resolve the problem."

While the majority of items brought into a Repair Fair are small appliances or electronics, clothing and textiles are also popular.

Oregon City resident and volunteer Nancy Schloss learned about Repair Fairs through her Master Recycler class. "I've been sewing since Home Ec in 5th grade in Portland Public Schools," said Schloss. "Volunteering at the Repair Fair sounded like a great way to help others be more sustainable."

In her Master Recycler class, she learned Americans throw away over 32 billion pounds of textiles a year.

"Repairing is important for sustainability. With my sewing skills, I can help keep items out of the landfill and reduce the need for people to buy more



stuff, which drains more resources," Schloss said. "It's for the sake of Mother Earth!"

Keeping with the theme of sustainability and education, many fixer volunteers teach attendees how to do repair work themselves. If a part is needed, they can tell the attendee what to order and how to install it themselves.

Do you have fixing skills? Volunteer with us! Useful skills include sewing, electrical, mechanical, jewelry, and knife sharpening. Learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities as these events start back up by emailing Stacy Ludington at sludington@clackamas.us.

Learn how to repair online!


Repair Fairs are on hold for now, but we have more information about how to fix things than ever before! Being a fixer means saving money, reducing your impact on our environment, and learning something new.

YouTube: Many channels are dedicated to repair, ranging from electrical and plumbing to appliances and sewing. Videos on these channels will walk a repair newbie through the process step-by-step. Simply search for what you want to fix.

How-to articles and discussion forums: Similar to YouTube, how-to articles often come with step-by-step pictures. Discussion forums are also a great resource. A quick online search can help you find a forum specific to your repair project.

iFixit: This website provides free repair guides to fix electronics like computers, camera, cellphones, game consoles and cars. iFixit also sells repair kits with tools and parts. This is a great resource for fixing cracked phone screens or computer speakers at home.

Commissioners' Meeting Mar. 26, 2020



During the ongoing pandemic, the Board of County Commissioners continues their work to improve residents' and customers' livelihood. Their public meetings are being held virtually (the shot above is from a recent Business Meeting), and still allows for real-time public comment. Be sure to visit www.clackamas.us/bcc for more info.

State of Emergency declared early on

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the impact of natural and human-caused incidents, such as earthquakes, wildfires, or hazardous material spills.

Here is a rundown of just a few of the major actions the county took to keep our community members safe and informed during the first month of the crisis:

- Feb. 28: Oregon Health Authority announced Oregon's first case of presumed coronavirus involving an employee of a local school district in Clackamas County. Clackamas County activated the EOC the same day.
- March 2: Clackamas County declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19, becoming the first county in Oregon to do so. The declaration enabled the county to streamline resources and staffing, establish emergency policies and protocols, and seek additional resources from the state of Oregon and the federal government.
- March 12: Oregon Health Authority announced the first presumptive COVID-19 involving a Clackamas County resident. The same day, County Commissioners extended the county's emergency declaration until June 30, sensing the future need.
- March 17: Clackamas County closed public access to most county buildings to ensure employee and community safety.
- March 18: Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties requested that Governor Kate Brown enact a temporary moratorium on evictions due to COVID-19. Commissioners announced a similar moratorium the next day and Governor Brown enacted a statewide moratorium days later.
- March 23: In the wake of the state's Stay Home, Stay Safe campaign being initiated, Clackamas County transitioned to telework for all employees, except for employees performing critical in-person services such as law enforcement, 9-1-1 dispatchers and health clinic staffers and those with responsibilities responding to COVID-19.
- March 24: County Commissioners declared a prohibition on price gouging for goods and services, and prohibited discrimination by hotels against individuals who have valid county supported housing vouchers.
- March 26: Clackamas County Commissioners held their first virtual Business Meeting via Zoom, open to any county stakeholder to watch, listen and participate.
- March 30 or 31: President Donald Trump approved a federal disaster declaration for Oregon, freeing up federal funding for the COVID-19 response.

For the latest county updates, closures and resources, visit www.clackamas.us/coronavirus.

More ways to stay informed

- Follow @clackamascounty on Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor.
- Sign up to receive county email alerts at www.clackamas.us/constantcontact.html

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Mental Health Crisis Lines

Clackamas County Crisis Line
503-655-8585
Provides 24/7, free, and confidential support.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK
Provides 24/7, free, and confidential support. Military veterans may press '1' for specialized care.

Oregon Youthline
877-968-8491
Text: teen2teen to 839863
Chat: www.oregonyouthline.org
Email: Teen2Teen@linesforlife.org

Senior Loneliness Line
503-200-1633
Provides 24/7, free, and confidential support to older adults.

The Trevor Project Suicide Prevention Lifeline for LGBTQ youth
1-866-4-U-TREVOR
(1-866-488-7386)

Trans Lifeline's Peer Support Hotline
877-565-8860
Peer support service run by trans people.

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255; press #1

Food

Food Finder Tool: Oregon Food Bank
www.oregonfoodbank.org/

Free grab and go meals for children 1-18: Hunger-free Oregon
www.oregonhunger.org/covid-19/

Health Systems

Clinical Care and Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control for COVID-19
www.oregon.gov/oha

Guidance for Health Systems COVID-19 Testing
www.oregon.gov/oha

Small Health Clinics
www.multco.us/novel-coronavirus-covid-19

Homeowners and Renters

Assistance to help renters impacted by COVID-19 stay in their apartments
www.fanniemae.com

Transit Riders

TriMet
www.trimet.org/health/

Woodburn transit service
www.woodburn-or.gov/transit

Cherriots
www.cherriots.org/health/

Clackamas County Transit Service

Transit riders in Clackamas County will not pay a fare until further notice with the following services, including all dial-a-ride services:

Canby Area Transit
www.canbyoregon.gov/

Mt. Hood Express
www.mthoodexpress.com/schedule-map

Sandy Transit
www.ci.sandy.or.us/Transit/

SMART Transit-Wilsonville
www.ci.wilsonville.or.us/

South Clackamas Transportation District
www.sctd.org/#Coronavirus

Business in Clackamas County

Find resources and FAQs for businesses
www.clackamas.us/business
Call or email us at 503-742-4biz or 4biz@clackamas.us.

For more groups and resources that you may need, go to:

www.clackamas.us/coronavirus/resources

BEAVERCREEK: 'Some say it takes a village, but in our case, I guess it takes a hamlet'

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Stevens said she was thrilled to see the Beavercreek community come together to support each other.

"Some say it takes a village, but in our case I guess it takes a hamlet," she said.

If you would like to learn more

about the Hamlet of Beavercreek or you would like to contribute to the breakfast and lunch program supporting Beavercreek children, visit beavercreek.org. Learn more about Clackamas County's hamlet program by visiting www.clackamas.us/community/handv.html.



Happy to **HELP**

We receive thank-you letters from citizens and other agencies. Here are highlights from a few of our recent favorites. If you'd like to send a commendation, use our online form at www.clackamas.us/sheriff/praise.html

Deputy Buzza is one respectful, reasonable deputy — we're proud to have him in our community. I was helping a disabled man, and I'm convinced someone called the police on us. Deputy Buzza showed up and helped me and the poor man. In my 17 years in social service, I've worked with several officers in different capacities — and this is one outstanding deputy. Thank you for everything you do!

MILWAUKIE

CSO Sherman reached out to me and my family during very troubling encounters with a neighbor. She was so helpful, providing a clear path for us going forward. She's knowledgeable, compassionate and understanding.

She continued to give us hope and courage during this time. Thank you.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

I've been working with two boys who expressed being fearful of contacting law enforcement. I wanted them to know how kind and caring law enforcement can be. A friend put me in contact with Deputy Robinson. He went to the family's home.

He gave the boys a tour of his car and all of his gear, answering their questions. The look of joy on these boys' faces will forever be engraved in my mind.

NORTH CLACKAMAS DHS

Back in 2011, I was homeless with untreated PTSD, and one of your deputies put me in contact with services. They not only saved my life, but they changed the course of my future.

In the eight years since you intervened, I've lost 300 pounds, spent a year in college, and worked to become both financially and emotionally stable. I am now a mom, and a good one.

Please don't stop doing what you're doing — my "happily ever after" would have been a tragic story had your deputy not taken the extra few minutes to call in the referral.

PORTLAND

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Office (503) 785-5000
Non-Emergency (503) 655-8211
Website clackamas.us/sheriff



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youtube.com/ClackamasSheriff



Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

BRIEFING ROOM

SPRING 2020

WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT COVID-19

It's been a challenging time for all our first responders, medical providers and countless others. We have been working with our city, county, state and federal partners to ensure we are doing our very best to inform people about the risks of COVID-19 and provide critical front-line services.

I recognize that COVID-19 has had devastating impacts on our communities. That being said, we are resilient, and together with our faith, family and friends, we will get through this.

My sincere thanks to our front-line emergency services, tireless residents and volunteers, all working together to keep you well.

Sheriff Craig Roberts

Moving Forward in Search

Sheriff Roberts Talks About Bringing Volunteers Together to Improve Search and Rescue



SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

Dear Clackamas County residents:

We've been working with a team of local search and rescue (SAR) experts on a major project: a unified Clackamas County Search & Rescue Team. I'm excited to give you an update as we keep working to improve local search and rescue response.

We officially announced the plan in February, after months of behind-the-scenes research and discussions. The new non-profit search and rescue (SAR) team for Clackamas County will include local search volunteers working together with Sheriff's Office employees under a single, unified banner.

There's been some confusion about why we're pursuing a new model for search and rescue (SAR) in Clackamas County. I'd like to explain my reasoning, and where things currently stand.



Sheriff Roberts with Mark Morford of Portland Mountain Rescue. PMR reps met at the Sheriff's Office for a discussion of the future of search and rescue in Clackamas County. We arrived at a mutual agreement that "will move Portland Mountain Rescue toward becoming a unit of Clackamas County Search and Rescue."

Why did you decide to do this?

By law, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office is responsible for all search and rescue operations in Clackamas County. In the wake of litigation, I commissioned a study of SAR organizations — ours and others — to find ways to improve the Clackamas County model.

One of the key models we studied was the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office's volunteer

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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Q&A about planned SAR changes

WORDS OF SUPPORT

"We really appreciate Sheriff Roberts' focused effort to improve search and rescue in Clackamas County. These efforts have already manifested in improvements to communications and mission planning that are making a difference in the field. The concepts ... will move Portland Mountain Rescue toward becoming a unit of Clackamas County Search and Rescue. At the same time, it will preserve attributes of Portland Mountain Rescue we believe are critical to successful mountain rescue."



Statement from
PORTLAND MOUNTAIN
RESCUE (PMR)

"NORSAR is excited for the upcoming changes and reorganization of our search and rescue teams. We feel that this change will provide improved structure, teamwork, and organized leadership ... during trainings and searches."



STEPHEN KORPI,
President, North Oregon
Regional Search and
Rescue (NORSAR)

Introducing the Trail Running Rescue Team

During our recent strategic planning retreat, I was discussing the critical need for a Clackamas County Search and Rescue rapid-response team, and learned about a fantastic idea from Robert Aberle of American Medical Response's Reach and Treat Team and nurse and former SAR volunteer Jamien Leckey.

They've drawn up plans for a "Trail Running Rescue Team."

The team comprises skilled off-road ultramarathoners who can deploy on roads and trails during search and rescue missions, carry packs of first-aid gear, conduct



assessments in the field and develop extraction plans.

"This is an idea we've been excited about for a while — we're happy to get it going with CCSO SAR," said Arbele. "We can initiate a rapid response to render first aid, increasing patient survivability and improving patient outcome. We've been working on the Trail Running Rescue Team for a long time, and we're excited to work with CCSO."

We're planning to make this elite team of SAR trail-runners one of many special units within the Clackamas County Search & Rescue Team. — Sheriff Roberts

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search and rescue program, which uses the unified-team model. As Deschutes County Sheriff L. Shane Nelson told us, "At the end of the day, the Office of Sheriff is responsible for search and rescue... I want to make sure our team is supervised by our office, trained in a consistent manner by our office, and the equipment used is up to the standards of our office." We also studied programs around the region, including a unified SAR program operating out of Mono County, California.

The recommendations at the end of our study included the following:

- Bring SAR volunteers under a single, unified Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Team, with specialized teams operating under that banner.
- Have all SAR volunteers go through detailed background checks, drug tests, physicals, and a selection process.
- Have all volunteers train and abide by

Sheriff's Office policies, while developing additional SAR-specific policies.

- Maintain records of all training to ensure compliance.
- Create a non-profit for Clackamas County Search & Rescue.
- Provide training and equipment.

After reviewing the study and talking with key stakeholders, including SAR experts and Clackamas County counsel, I decided this was the way to go. It brings us in line with the best SAR practices around the state, unifying all Clackamas County SAR volunteer groups under a single standard.

As Oregon Office of Emergency Management State Search and Rescue Coordinator Scott Lucas said in our February announcement, "It's considered best practices, as it follows the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Advisory Council guidelines.... [It] will only improve the county's ability to respond when

SHERIFF'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)



In March, we held a three-day strategic planning retreat with Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Coordinators and reps from the various SAR volunteer groups. Days later, members of these same SAR crews deployed to work with our Coordinators on a successful search for a missing endangered person in Beavercreek.

called to help those who are in distress or imminent danger."

It also creates a team dedicated exclusively to Clackamas County. Local search and rescue missions are on the rise. The county population has risen by over 43,000 people in the past decade alone, accompanied by a dramatic increase in the use of our wilderness areas. Our response times and communication will improve with a single, dedicated team. Search and rescue in Clackamas County involves much more than Mt. Hood — it's demanding and complex, across wilderness and urban environments. If a major disaster happens here, such as an earthquake, this will allow the quick deployment of locally focused SAR resources for our residents, when we need those resources the most.

Where does planning stand?

In February, we met with Portland Mountain Rescue and announced a mutual agreement between Portland Mountain Rescue and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. As PMR said after the meeting: "The con-

cepts we have negotiated will move Portland Mountain Rescue toward becoming a unit of Clackamas County Search and Rescue. At the same time, it will preserve attributes of Portland Mountain Rescue we believe are critical to successful mountain rescue." North Oregon Search and Rescue (NORSAR) has also signed on to the unified team.

In early March, we took the discussion to a larger arena, hosting a three-day strategic planning retreat with our Search & Rescue Coordinators and representatives from the various SAR volunteer groups. Working with Managing for Results, we discussed topics including growing trends in SAR and ways to work together to improve search and rescue operations in Clackamas County. Many exciting ideas emerged during this retreat, including a "Trail Running Rescue Team" (see previous page).

Are you disbanding local SAR groups?

Here's an important bit of misinformation I want to correct: As we continue

WORDS OF SUPPORT

"This reorganization is in line with state law that governs Search and Rescue in Oregon. It's considered best practices, as it follows the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Advisory Council guidelines...."

This reorganization will only improve the county's ability to respond when called to help those who are in distress or imminent danger."



SCOTT LUCAS,
Oregon Office of
Emergency Management
State Search and Rescue
Coordinator

building the unified team, the current SAR model for Clackamas County remains in place. We're still working with our search volunteers, and will in the immediate future through this transition.

Just for example: A few days after the SAR strategic retreat, members of these same SAR crews deployed *en masse* and worked with our SAR Coordinators on the successful search for a missing woman in Beavercreek.

We of course understand the concerns of the volunteer teams. Their invaluable contributions have saved countless lives on the mountain and in other SAR scenarios. We also want those existing volunteers to join the unified team. This change is *not* designed to push SAR volunteers away — it's designed to bring them into a closer working relationship with us, with uniform standards.

It has been, and continues to be, an honor to serve you.

Craig Roberts

— Sheriff Craig Roberts

