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SafeOregon school safety tip line gets results, locally and statewide

In February, Oregon State Police, working from a tip, arrested a 22-year-old man who made numerous violent social media threats directed at the Oregon State University campus. The tip helped state police avert a possible college campus tragedy.

That tip was delivered through the school-safety SafeOregon Tip Line (www.SafeOregon.com) where students and others can anonymously report information about potential threats, including bullying, self-harm and other concerns.

Though SafeOregon is designed primarily for K-12 students, anyone can use the tip line. Tips can be submitted via email to tip@safeoregon.com, by phone or text message to 844-472-3367, online at www.tips.safeoregon.com or by using the SafeOregon mobile app.

Use SafeOregon to anonymously report bullying, violence, drugs or harm you see or hear about at school.



The tip line call center monitors tips 24/7 for Oregon public schools from K-12 - forwarding them to suicide/mental health crisis assistance, law enforcement and school officials as necessary.

Over 80 Clackamas County schools are officially signed up for SafeOregon, which became available last January. Over 900 schools are now working with the service statewide.

'It is saving lives'

In 2015, Governor Kate Brown's multi-agency Oregon Task Force on School Safety (on which **Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts serves** as chair) recommended creating a statewide tip line, following successful programs in Colorado and Michigan. In 2016, the Oregon Legislature created the SafeOregon Tip Line, to be administered through the Oregon State Police.



Fix your bike, small appliance, jewelry or clothing for free at a repair fair Find upcoming repair fair dates and other fun summer events on page 11.

Planning process begins for Concord School, library

Clackamas County is working to improve library services - and is moving forward with planning for two new libraries: one in Oak Lodge and one in the city of Gladstone. The county will operate both libraries modeled after the city of Sandy's two-branch system. Oak Lodge residents have already been engaged in a community visioning process, building on previous grassroots outreach by community groups. Gladstone residents will be voting on Ballot Measure 3-530 on May 15, which will inform the next steps of the Gladstone Library planning process.

Concurrently, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) has acquired the Concord School property in Oak Grove as part of a strategic partnership with the North Clackamas School District. On April 3, the Board of County Commissioners approved a staff recommendation to proceed with a combined Concord and Library Preliminary Planning Process with a joint task-force of stakeholders to efficiently explore the possibilities of a new library and the best use for the Concord property. The process will include a community needs assessment, Concord property analysis and library site analysis, which will include an evaluation of all potential library site locations for comparison. The result of these studies will guide the development of a master plan.

The county is committed to robust and inclusive public outreach throughout the planning process. Learn more by visiting www.clackamas.us/ libraryplan. Sign up for email updates at www.clackamas.us/constantcontact.html and select Gladstone Library Updates and/or Oak Lodge Library Updates.

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NCPRD



Krupp's Korner: North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

With the good weather,

many of our residents enjoy getting outdoors to experience the natural wonders of our county. Among the most popular destinations are the parks and the many recreational services offered by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD).

Parks are an important part of a healthy, equitable community. Not only do they provide open space for people of all ages to get out and be active, they also serve as a place for neighbors to gather and engage in social activities.

NCPRD serves over 120,000 residents in the cities of Milwaukie and Happy Valley, and in unincorporated areas of North Clackamas County, including Oak Grove, Jennings Lodge and Sunnyside. It is dedicated to providing exceptional parks and recreation programs, facilities and services.

(The city of Happy Valley is withdrawing from NCPRD. To learn more about this, go to www.bit.ly/HVwithdraw.)

With over 39 parks, 25 natural areas, 15 miles of trails including the 6-mile Trolley Trail and Mount Talbert Nature Park, county residents are fortunate to have many opportunities for exercise and recreation.

There are numerous exciting projects underway that will result in new indoor community centers, parks and recreational opportunities. NCPRD has acquired three new properties as part of a unique partnership with the North Clackamas School District. NCPRD gains Concord, Wichita and Clackamas elementary schools and in return the School District receives Hood View Park. Construction on Hidden Falls is underway, with the bridge scheduled to be installed by early May. True to its name, this extraordinary 21.3-acre piece of property has a waterfall that can't be easily seen from other areas. The new paved multi-use trail will not only provide a key link in the regional trail system, but will also serve as a vital connection between schools, parks and neighborhoods.

Wichita Park is a 1-acre parcel in Milwaukie scheduled to open in late 2018. This open space will be transformed into a gathering place in the Linwood neighborhood that includes picnic areas, pathways, open lawn and new landscaping, and a new playground.

In addition to the growing number of parks, NCPRD offers hundreds of recreation programs, family events and activities, including:

- Oregon's largest wave pool, swim lessons and more at North Clackamas Aquatic Park
- Youth programs, such as basketball, dance and cheerleading
- Programs for adults, including oil painting, ukulele groups, salsa dancing and classes
- Volunteer opportunities, such as Meals on Wheels and habitat restorations
- Summer camps for youth ages 4 to 18
- Movies in the Park

We are proud of the work NCPRD is doing to strengthen and help grow healthy communities in the county. If you are interested in volunteering with NCPRD or taking advantage of one of their hundreds of programs, visit www.NCPRD.com for more information.

Sincerely,

Don Krupp Clackamas County Administrator

Survey: Tell us how we're doing!

We want to know what you think about our website.



Rate our website

Have you ever visited Clackamas County's website? If so, we want to hear from you. We are beginning the process of redesigning our website to better serve the community, and we want to know what you use the website for and how it's working for you! Please take our quick survey at www.bit.ly/ClackCoWebsiteSurvey2018 today!

GET INVOLVED WITH CLACKAMAS COUNTY!

Clackamas County is committed to engaging residents in the public process. There are many ways for you to get involved. The quickest way is to sign up for email updates at www.clackamas.us/constantcontact.html. The form allows you to select topics about which you want to receive updates.

Another way to participate is to serve on an Advisory Board or Commission (ABC). The county has many opportunities for community members to become involved in specific issues, activities and goals of county programs. Hundreds of community members serve on various committees through County Commission appointment. For a full list of advisory board and commission openings, visit www.bit.ly/ClackCoInv.

Budget hearings start May 29

In a few weeks, Clackamas County will release its proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-19. A budget committee made up of the five county commissioners and five residents will begin a series of public meetings on the budget Tuesday, May 29.

The public is invited to attend any of the budget presentations, and will be given an opportunity to provide comments during a designated period. Hearings will be held in the Development Services Auditorium at 150 Beavercreek Road in Oregon City. The presentation order, County Administrator's budget message, and key dates will be updated at www.clackamas.us/budget in the coming weeks.

Last year, Clackamas County adopted a general budget for just over \$782 million. Adding in the budgets for county-governed districts and agencies, all budgets totaled \$1.085 billion.

Help us respond to natural disasters



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#ClackCo Quarterly is produced four times a year by the Public & Government Affairs Department (PGA) and mailed to nearly every household in the county.

Commissioner

Ken Humberston

Contact us about stories in #ClackCo Quarterly at ClackCoQuarterly@clackamas.us.

Contact your commissioners at bcc@clackamas.us or 503-655-8581.

Board of County Commissioners



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Commission Chair Jim Bernard



Commissioner Sonya Fischer



Commissioner Paul Savas

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Commissioner Martha Schrader

Certain natural risks – such as earthquake, flood and wildfire – are present in Clackamas County. To better prepare, every five years we develop a countywide Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to improve our service before, during and in response to a natural disaster.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires us to update our Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for certain federal funds. We, of course, already take disaster preparedness seriously. Our Disaster Management department is dedicated to minimizing the impact of natural and human-caused incidents.

We want to hear from you! Click on www.bit.ly/ClackCo2018NHMP to learn more and take a survey.

COMMISSIONER NOTEBOOK

Clackamas County Commissioners advocating in Salem

Every year our Government Affairs staff monitors legislative actions to advocate for our residents. Oregon's 2018 legislative session wrapped up in March, and we were in Salem tracking and acting on relevant legislation. Of 260 bills introduced, we tracked 158 (61%) related to local government and achieved many of our goals.

County commissioners were actively involved in this process, providing testimony to committees and educating legislators through one-on-one meetings. While all five commissioners were involved in many bills, key highlights are to the right. Other key successes from the session include:

Affordable Housing & Homelessness:

We supported efforts to create and preserve affordable housing and support services for moderate, low and very low-income residents and those experiencing homelessness. Several pieces of related legislation passed, including:

- The authorized creation of a first-time home buyer savings account (allowing a subtraction from federal taxable income) through HB 4007.
- An increase in the document recording fee from \$20 to \$60, which will generate tens of millions of dollars for emergency homeless prevention and services, down payment assistance for first-time home buyers, repair assistance for low-income homeowners and veterans' housing.

Transient Lodging Tax:

We supported legislation clarifying that short-term lodging services and intermediaries such as AirBnB and Expedia are responsible for collecting and remitting both state and local transient lodging taxes (TLT). (Last year, commissioners required these lodging services to pay the county's 6 percent TLT.) Legislation passed clarifying exactly this.

For the full state legislative agenda report, visit www.bit.ly/ClackCoGov2018.

Commissioners appoint Wagner

In late January, Clackamas County Commissioners – along with their counterparts from Multnomah and Washington counties - appointed Lake Oswego School Board member Rob Wagner to the Oregon Senate District 19 vacant seat.

This action followed the resignation of



Commission Chair Jim Bernard

Urban & Rural Reserves

"We've worked hard with cities and residents to achieve our reserves plan, and we'll speak up whenever something may jeopardize those efforts."

Clackamas County supports efforts to finalize the urban and rural reserves process, which was began in 2007 to shape what our region's land use will look like over the next 40-50 years.

There were multiple attempts during the legislative session to change state land use statutes that had the potential to upend the urban and rural reserves process. Chair Jim Bernard testified in opposition to one such bill, HB 4075, which carried regional implications that had the potential to disrupt ongoing efforts to finalize Clackamas County's reserve designations. The bill died in committee.

Domestic Violence

"This is a public health issue affecting survivors, families, responders and more. The voices of the often-overlooked victims of domestic violence must be heard."

Clackamas County supported legislation reclassifying the crime of strangulation from a misdemeanor to a felony.

Strangulation is especially prevalent in domestic violence and sexual assault cases, and causes serious long-term health and psychological effects to strangulation victims. The county continues to support increased resources for victims of domestic violence and increased penalties for offenders.

Commissioner Sonya Fischer testified in strong support of the legislation, SB 1562, which passed unanimously.



Commissioner

Sonya Fischer

Commissioner Ken Humberston

Cross-Laminated Timber

"Cross-laminated timber has the ability to economically transform our rural areas, and I'm committed to seeing that happen."

Clackamas County supports efforts to develop the cross-laminated timber (CLT) industry. We want to lead this burgeoning industry by developing a supply-increasing pilot program that can spur rural economic development in an environmentally-friendly manner.

Commissioner Ken Humberston has championed the CLT industry here in Clackamas County. He testified in support of a bill studying the important role of our forests and CLT in helping to address climate change through carbon reduction. While the bill, HB 4109, died, the legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for a Carbon Policy Office to examine ways to utilize Oregon's forests and fields to sequester and store carbon.

I-205 Expansion Funding

"A solution must be found for our failing highways. Congestion caused by the I-205 bottleneck from the Stafford area to the Abernethy Bridge hurts residents, businesses and the environment."

Clackamas County supports state funding for an additional lane of capacity in each direction of I-205 from Stafford Road to OR 99E. Without additional travel lanes, this section of I-205 will be overwhelmed by forecasted traffic volumes and will negatively impact regional freight mobility. ODOT received \$10 million during the 2017 legislative session to begin planning the work, but the remainder of the necessary funding has not yet been identified.



Sen. Richard Devlin. All commissioners held a joint session and voted to select a replacement, following a public interview of three finalists.

Oregon law requires that a legislative vacancy be filled by county commissioners representing the district in which the vacancy exists. Finalists were selected by the Democratic Party, as deemed by state law.

Clackamas County Commissioners have been busy with appointments. Wagner's appointment was the third in five months.

To watch the event in full, visit www.bit.ly/ClackCoWagnerAppointment.

Commissioner Martha Schrader

Commissioner

Paul Savas

During an informational hearing where ODOT shared the results of their "cost to complete" report, Commissioner Paul Savas testified on the importance of this project and the need to find necessary state funding.

Homeless Shelter Funding

"We are doing all we can to help those who struggle to keep safe, adequate housing. These vouchers are a lifeline for dozens of Clackamas County families currently in need of shelter."

Clackamas County helped to lead efforts this session to secure \$5 million through HB 5201 for statewide homeless shelter needs, which included more than \$782,000 for Clackamas County. The county will dedicate these funds to mobile housing services, such as motel vouchers or rent assistance, for families experiencing homelessness.

Commissioner Martha Schrader was instrumental in helping secure this funding for the county through her advocacy with key state legislators.



Domestic violence shelter expansion completed

County provides land

In February, the nonprofit Clackamas Women's Services (CWS) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the expansion of its facility that houses families fleeing domestic and sexual violence.

Known as "the village," this facility is the largest emergency shelter in the Portland metropolitan area for women escaping violence – often with children in tow.

County officials were strongly supportive of this project and the expansion is built on countyowned land.

"For county commissioners, tackling domestic and family violence is a goal under one of our strategic priorities," stated County Chair Jim Bernard, who cut the ribbon with others. "Those suffering from domestic violence depend on their local government and services. They need our collective help to be made whole."

The village now provides a safe home to 15 women and up to 24 children at a time, and nearly 100 women a year can reside there. Features were specifically designed for trauma survivors. Communal areas will help survivors build support relationships, and children will have dedicated spaces.

Clackamas County acted to ensure the village could be completed as quickly as possible. For example, when a previously-unknown (buried) oil tank was discovered on the property, the county covered the cost of its removal rather than saddle CWS with unexpected costs.

Visit **www.cwsor.org** to read more about CWS and the shelter.





With the help of volunteers, county increases capacity at warming shelters

This past winter, dozens of volunteers braved cold weather and treacherous driving conditions – and sacrificed precious time with their families – to help the homeless spend a warm night indoors at local warming centers.

"The outpouring of volunteer support we received this year was outstanding," said Vahid Brown, Clackamas County Housing Policy Coordinator. "We opened more doors to more people than in any previous year, which we were only able to do thanks to the many compassionate residents who gave up sleep so that our unhoused neighbors could sleep safely."

Clackamas County supports a network of severe weather warming center providers for homeless persons on nights when the weather is predicted to be 33 degrees or lower (including wind chill) or when snow, wind, flooding or other conditions make sleeping outdoors especially dangerous.

This year, Clackamas County significantly increased its capacity to serve the homeless. Last winter, the

county operated at a 99-bed capacity across three sites. This year, the county added more than 200 beds across eight sites.

The reason for the increased capacity? The county declared an emergency in November to ensure homeless people had a safe, warm and habitable shelter this winter.

The declaration gave county staff the authority to move quickly to support providing shelter for homeless people, including committing to mutual aid agreements and suspending standard competitive bidding procedures to obtain necessary goods and services. The county also hired a volunteer coordinator to to organize staffing efforts at local warming shelters.

The county will again need volunteers next year as it looks to expand capacity. We want to ensure no one seeking shelter from the elements is turned away. Sign up to be a volunteer at www.clackamas.us/homelessness.

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Students attend Celebrating Water Day event

On March 20, Water Environment Services (WES) participated in the Clackamas County Celebrating Water Day event at Clackamas Community College.

Over 500 students learned about watersheds and how their behaviors can impact the health of people and wildlife.

WES helped coordinate high school students who provided hands-on activities for local 4th and 5th graders, which included a salmon dissection, groundwater model experiment, Doggydoo Trash Toss, and Toilets Are Not Trashcans demonstration. "I want to thank OSP for devoting its resources to make the tip line successful in under a year," said Sheriff Roberts. "It is saving lives."

OSP has seen a significant increase in reported tips since the Feb. 14 school shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. In just over a year since the tip line began, 691 tips have been reported, most involving bullying or harassment. (For detailed stats, see

www.safeoregon.com/about/results.)

Future plans

Sheriff Roberts said the SafeOregon tip line is the first step in a larger statewide plan to enhance school safety.

The Oregon Task Force on School Safety is developing a proposal for a companion program to help Oregon school districts manage threats of harm. The proposal provides technical assistance to schools through multi-disciplinary teams that help schools identify, assess and manage students presenting a potential risk of violence.

The proposed multi-disciplinary team would comprise professionals from school administrations, mental health and suicideprevention programs, state youth services and law enforcement, among others.

"The idea is to bring all disciplines and systems together to provide wrap-around services to a student at risk," said Sheriff Roberts. "By working together to provide prevention and support services, I know we can help students get the help they need and make our schools safer."

To learn more about the statewide tip line, visit **www.safeoregon.com**.



Canby schools cut cafeteria waste in half



Step into the Carus or Knight elementary school cafeteria during lunchtime and you'll notice something different. These Canby schools are the only public schools in Oregon to use milk dispensers instead of cartons.

Many schools aren't easily able to recycle milk cartons. As a result, most cartons from schools end up as garbage. Not anymore at Carus and Knight! Their new stainless steel milk dispensers allow students to serve themselves milk in durable cups. The transition has cut cafeteria waste in half!

The two schools also now purchase 40 percent less milk. But the students aren't drinking any less. In fact, more students are buying milk – perhaps because it tastes better and they can control their portions. Instead, significantly less milk ends up down the drain. Less waste and more milk reaching students is a win for these Canby schools.

Back to the future: Many people recall using milk dispensers when they were in school. However, they fell out of favor as the use of disposables became more common. Disposable trays, sporks and cartons replaced durable trays, silverware and cups. Many schools are choosing to bring back washable, durable serviceware to their lunch program, and Clackamas County is ready to help. The Canby School District illustrates how schools can do it.

Canby's cafeteria waste reduction practices include the following:

- Durable silverware instead of plastic sporks
- No straws
- Condiments served from dispensers instead of individual packets
- Napkins served from a dispenser instead of inside a spork packet
- Washable trays
- Milk dispensers and washable cups

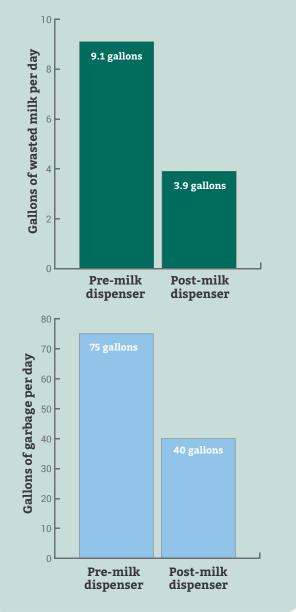
To fund this at your school: Equipment, including a dispenser, cups and dishwashing trays, costs an estimated \$4,300 for an elementary school with 400 students served milk at lunch.

Watch our video! See how these two Canby schools used milk dispensers to cut their waste at www.clackamas.us/recycling/milk.html.

Interested in cutting waste at your school? Clackamas County Resource Conservation & Solid Waste helped these Canby schools purchase their milk dispensers. Schools can inquire about waste reduction assistance by contacting Schools Waste Reduction Coordinator Laurel Bates at LBates@clackamas.us or 503-742-4454.

Carus Elementary waste reduction results

After the milk dispenser program started, wasted milk dropped by 58 percent (5.2 gallons) and garbage dropped by 47 percent (35 gallons) per day.



Want to recycle at your event this year?



Interview with a Sustainability Advisor

We help businesses reduce waste, save money



payroll services, invoicing and processing payments that all but eliminate the cost of paper, toner, printing equipment, storage space and the labor to distribute documents. Aside from keeping that paper out of the waste stream, it saves money, too.

Q: How can businesses be more efficient in managing their waste?

A: One example we see is organizations using shared waste containers and doing away with individual garbage cans at desks. With fewer containers, they save on janitorial time and the cost of garbage liners, plus their staff get a chance to stretch their legs!

We can help you recycle bottles and cans at your next event. Clackamas County loans ClearStream recycling containers for events open to the public, such as races, tournaments, festivals, fairs and concerts. The containers are free to borrow and simple to transport and set up. They're also an easy way to collect beverage containers that you can then redeem for funds for your organization.

To reserve containers for your event, visit www.bit.ly/clackcoeventrecycling or contact Rita Hale at 503-742-4464 or rhale@clackamas.us. When learning about recycling and eliminating waste at work, who better to hear from than our own sustainability advisors who work with more than 900 businesses each year? We asked them about actions businesses are taking to operate more efficiently and what opportunities they see to continue waste reduction efforts.

Q: What are workplaces doing to boost their environmental performance?

A: Many businesses are assessing their paper use and going paperless. Many digital tools are available for

Q: Where are opportunities for improvement?

A: First, we often hear that employees think only cardboard can go in their recycling containers. Every business can mix cardboard, paper, plastic (bottles, buckets and tubs) and metal together. Keep glass separate. It's the same at home and work.

Second, the more employees do to keep recyclable materials clean, the better. Products should be separated from packaging, cardboard should be flattened, plastic wraps should be removed, and milk and yogurt containers should be rinsed.

Q: How can businesses get assistance?

A: We offer recycling trainings, walk-throughs to look for opportunities to reduce waste, and free educational signage and interior containers. Learn more at www.bit.ly/greenbizsupport. Contact us at 503-742-4458 or lis@clackamas.us.



RECYCLING locations convenient to Clackamas County

Call ahead to confirm materials are accepted and inquire about potential fees.

Questions?

Metro Recycling Information Hotline: 503-234-3000 OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler

Deposit containers

Return to BottleDrop Centers, retailers or grocery stores. www.bottledropcenters.com

Oregon E-Cycles

Recycle computers, monitors, TVs, printers, keyboards and mice for free. 1-888-532-9253 www.bit.ly/oregonecycles

Paints and stains

Drop off paint for free at PaintCare locations. www.PaintCare.org

Prescription medication

Take medication to a free drug drop-off location near you. www.ClackamasProviders.org/ drug-take-back-boxes Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility accepts medications for a fee. www.oregonmetro.gov

Sharps (needles,

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

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Turn your yard into a habitat for wildlife



Thanks to support from Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, Clackamas County Water Environment Services, Oak Lodge Water Services and Metro, the BHCP is now available in Clackamas*, Damascus*, Gladstone*, Happy Valley*, Jennings Lodge, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oak Grove, Oregon City*, West Linn and Wilsonville* (*new areas as of April 2018).

So far, 137 Clackamas County households have participated in the program – totaling over 40 acres of natural backyard habitat!

Interested in participating? Here's what to expect:

• Apply: Any yard under one acre is welcome, in

Replace toxic chemicals with homemade solutions at a free green cleaner workshop!

Make three versatile cleaners to help create a safe, economical and sustainable household.

Visit www.clackamas.us/recycling/ greencleanersworkshop.html and schedule a free workshop today!

A certified backyard habitat family shows off their new yard sign.

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP) supports urban gardeners in their efforts to create natural backyard habitats. Columbia Land Trust and Audubon Society of Portland have co-managed the program since 2009 to revitalize urban landscapes and make our communities healthier for ourselves and native wildlife.

Often habitat conservation efforts are focused on public lands, but there is a great opportunity to create habitat right in our own backyards! To date, the BHCP has partnered with more than 4,500 participants in Multnomah and Clackamas counties to restore native wildlife habitat, control invasive weeds, reduce pesticides and manage stormwater at their homes. any condition. A one-time \$35 application fee supports program participants and helps the program grow.

- Yard assessment: A Backyard Habitat Technician will meet with you to assess your entire yard. Participants receive a customized site report with recommended plants and steps to take to certify their yard.
- Along the way: Receive resources and discounts to help you transform your yard.
- **Get certified:** Post your certified backyard habitat sign for your neighbors to see!

Visit www.backyardhabitats.org to apply, sign up for their email newsletter and find free resources about natural landscaping that support wildlife and pollinators. Resources on weed and erosion control for properties over one acre or outside the program area are at www.conservationdistrict.org.

Request Your Hazardous Waste Disposal Coupon!

Bring your household toxics to the Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility and they'll waive the \$5 fee for loads under 35 gallons. Must include home and garden pest or weed control products to use coupon. No charge for paint.

Details to request the coupon can be found at www.bit.ly/hhwcoupon.



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 and tubs (six ounces or larger)

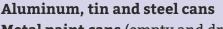
Nursery pots (larger than four inches)

Buckets (five gallons or less)

Instructions:

- Ignore numbers on containers; they indicate plastic resin type, *not recyclability*
- Empty and rinse containers

METAL



Metal paint cans (empty and dry) Aerosol cans

Aluminum foil and pie plates

Scrap metal (smaller than 30 inches and less than 30 pounds)

Instructions:

- Do not flatten cans
- Labels are OK
- Tin tops are OK if crimped inside can
- *Empty and rinse containers*



In your **Yard Debris Container***

Leaves, flowers, grass clippings

Weeds

Tree and shrub trimmings (less than four inches in diameter and 36 inches long)

Do not include:

- x Plastic bags
- **x** Household garbage
- x Metal
- **x** Food scraps** or food-soiled paper
- x Rocks
- **x** Dirt or sod
- x Ashes
- **x** Diapers
- **x** Pet waste
- **x** Oversized items
- **x** Plastic
- **x** Building lumber
- **x** Stumps
- * In cities and urban areas with yard debris service.
- ** Residents within the city limits of Lake Oswego and Milwaukie may include food scraps in their yard debris containers.

Metro Recycling Hotline 503-234-3000



In your separate **Glass Container**

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Instructions:

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



On the Side

MOTOR OIL Instructions:

- Set used motor oil next to your bins
- Mark container as "oil"
- Secure container with a screw-top cap
- No larger than two gallons

Single-family customers only, not at apartments or businesses



In your **Garbage Container**



Also in your garbage: food-soiled paper, pizza boxes, Styrofoam packaging, carpet, textiles, food scraps, containers labeled "compostable," pet waste and diapers. * *You can return plastic bags to most local grocery stores.*



China doesn't want our recycling anymore

Last year, the Chinese government sent a message to the United States and Europe: We don't want your recycling anymore.

For years, China has been the primary market for recyclable materials in the United States and Europe. As American manufacturing declined, stateside demand for recyclable materials, which eventually become products and packaging, also declined. Chinese manufacturing, however, ramped up. Ships unloading goods along the West Coast would return to China carrying our recycling. This arrangement was less expensive than shipping to domestic recyclers east of the Rocky Mountains and, in many cases, Chinese manufacturers were willing to pay more for our recycling than American companies. Meanwhile, many domestic paper mills using recycled content closed, including two in Clackamas County.

Last November, the Chinese government announced new restrictions on the recyclables they will allow, prohibiting any that contain more than 0.5 percent of unwanted materials or contaminants (for example, a frozen food box or a plastic bag). In our region, contamination in household recycling ranges from 9 to 21 percent.

China's new standard is nearly impossible to meet without a change in the way we recycle. In the shortterm, local recycling companies have slowed their sorting processes and hired more sorters to create less contaminated loads, which have a better chance of being sold. These measures increase the cost of processing, which is part of your monthly garbage bill.

As a result, many customers will see increases in garbage and recycling bills as early as this spring.

Most of the items on the county's approved recycling guide (see page 7) continue to have strong markets and are being recycled. Throwing out recyclables is a last resort. While disposal of recycling is generally prohibited, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is temporarily allowing it for certain materials, given the extraordinary conditions we face. Many items that recycling facilities are sending to the landfill do not belong in recycling in the first place. For details, visit DEQ's website at www.bit.ly/recyclingmarkets.

What are we doing about it?

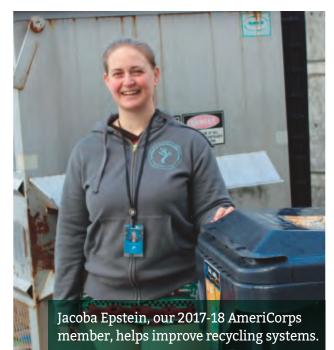
Since China's plans for new restrictions became clear, local government experts throughout our region have been talking with each other, state regulators and the recycling industry to identify both short-term options and a long-term path forward to build resiliency in our recycling system. The county is testing ways to provide feedback to garbage and recycling customers to help them recycle properly. "This is a challenge for us," says Matt Korot, Metro's recycling and resource conservation manager, "but it provides an opportunity to improve our recycling system overall." In addition to identifying new international markets, more of our recyclables could go to processors and manufacturers in Oregon and elsewhere in the U.S. "But that may require changes in what we recycle, how we sort it at our homes and businesses, and the equipment the private processors use to sort recyclables," Korot adds.

Our recycling isn't changing – yet

It's important to know that, for now, the regional recycling guidelines covering Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties will not change. Changing recycling programs will do little to reduce contamination in the short term. Changes will only be made if it's clear they will benefit our recycling system.

Recyclable materials are still a valuable and marketable commodity, as long as they are clean and sorted properly. Recycling remains a more costeffective solution for many materials compared to putting them in a landfill. So, how well you recycle does matter! Whether you're an avid or new recycler, please take a moment to review our recycling list on page 7, at www.clackamas.us/recycling, or call Metro's Recycling Information Center at 503-234-3000 with questions. Thank you for making the effort to recycle right!

Support brings recycling to more apartments



Recycling at an apartment or other community that shares garbage and recycling service can be difficult.

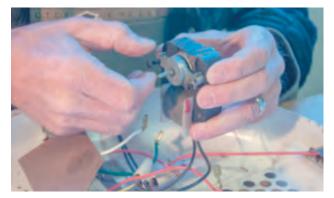
"Visiting all the different properties, seeing the way everyone does things, and meeting property managers gave a clear picture of how to ensure successful recycling at a property," Jacoba said. "The outreach is one of my favorite parts of the job; I love having these conversations with people."

"Jacoba did an excellent job," said Dartagnan Georgiades, property manager at Quail Ridge Apartments in Milwaukie, after Jacoba gave a recycling presentation in the community. "She was able to answer all questions and address any concerns that my tenants had in regards to current recycling programs."

Want assistance? We offer free recycling presentations, education and technical assistance to your community. We also offer property managers the option to purchase reusable recycling totes for \$1 each that allow residents to easily store and transport their recyclables to the designated recycling areas (see photo below).

If your community doesn't have recycling (including a roll cart for glass bottles and jars) or would like a presentation, signs, educational materials or technical assistance, contact us at 503-742-4451 or wasteinfo@clackamas.us.

Fix it at a repair fair



Join us for free community repair fairs that bring skilled volunteers and people with broken items together! Items typically repaired include clothing and textiles, bikes and small appliances.

- May 5: Happy Valley Library
 13793 SE Sieben Park Way, Happy Valley
 12 to 3 p.m.
- June 30: Lake Oswego Adult Community Center 505 G Ave., Lake Oswego 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While Oregon's Opportunity to Recycle Act requires property managers to provide recycling to residents, some communities need a little extra support to ensure recycling is done right!

Enter Jacoba Epstein, this year's Confluence AmeriCorps member serving in Clackamas County's Resource Conservation and Solid Waste program. In six months, Jacoba has collaborated with a dozen property managers and three local garbage and recycling collectors to bring glass recycling to six communities. In total, Jacoba has provided door-todoor education and other outreach on what can and cannot be recycled to over 500 households.



- July 14: Oregon City Farmers Market 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Aug. 25: Canby Library 220 NE 2nd Ave., Canby 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sept. 22: Robinwood Station 3706 Cedar Oak Drive, West Linn 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring just one item. Volunteers will do their best, but can't guarantee a full repair. For an updated list of repair fairs, visit www.bit.ly/repairfairs.

About Trash Talk

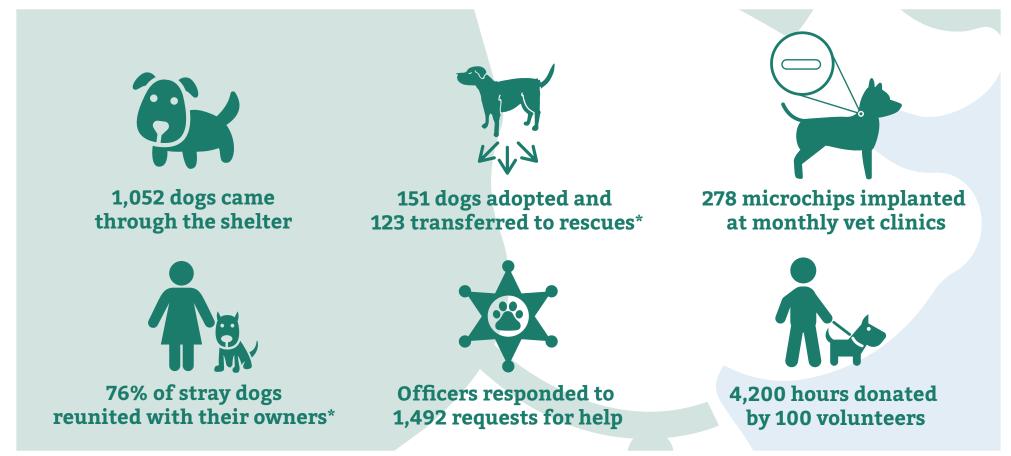
Trash Talk pages are provided by Clackamas County's Resource Conservation & Solid Waste Program, on behalf of the Clackamas County Recycling Partnership: a cooperative of Clackamas County, the cities of Barlow, Canby, Estacada, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, Sandy,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

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



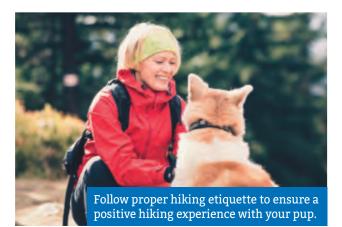
Dog Services year in review

In 2017 we helped many two-legged and four-legged county residents through the work of our shelter, monthly vet clinics and other services. We're on track for a successful 2018, too!



*Return to owner rate for stray dogs only; adoption and transfer rate for all dog intakes.

Follow these tips before em"bark" ing on trails



If you're an outdoorsy dog owner, there's a good chance you're spending time with your pup on local hiking trails. Who wouldn't be? We live in the perfect place for it.

With so many adventurous dogs and people, there are some proper rules of etiquette and laws U.S. Forest Service officials would like you to know about before hitting the trails.

out all the pet waste from the day. Try walking around the trail head for a while to see if you can get your dog to go before starting on the hike so you can conveniently dispose of pet wase in the trash cans provided.

- Stick to the trail. This applies to humans and dogs alike. Leave plants and wildlife undisturbed to minimize your environmental impact. If your dog likes to venture off-trail, pleaskeep them on a leash.
- Give way to approaching hikers. While this is a general rule for all hikers, it's especially important if two dogs are about to pass. Even if your dog is friendly, it's important to give other dogs space as you are passing and consider putting your dog on leash if they aren't already. Even the friendliest dog can cause problems off leash if the other dog is reactive or undergoing training.
- A few more quick tips:
 - Avoid using retractable leashes. They are



Serving our four-legged friends

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



adoptable dogs! Adoption hours Tuesday through Saturday

Regular business hours Monday through Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 503-655-8628 13141 SE Highway 212 Clackamas, OR 97015 www.clackamas.us/dogs

Adopt. License. Donate.



Come meet our 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Choose a dog-friendly trail. Do your research before going on a big adventure day with your pup. Not all trails allow dogs and not all trails are safe for dogs. Good websites to check are www.fs.usda.gov/main/mthood and www. oregonhikers.org. Or you can call the local ranger station. More information is at www. fs.usda.gov/rb.
- Obey leash laws. In general, dogs are required to be on leash or under strict voice command. Strict voice command means you do not have to repeat the command for your dog to obey. In developed recreation areas such as campgrounds, trailheads and picnic areas, dogs must be under physical control on leashes no longer than six feet. Check local and state laws if you are unsure.
- Pack out the dog poo. Make sure your dog is only leaving their paw prints on the trail by packing

- hard for other dogs and people to see and can be difficult to to keep your dog under control when extended.
- Let your dog sniff! Sniffing is mentally stimulating and provides your dog with important information about the environment around them.
- Keep your dog close on horse trails. Horses weigh over 1,000 pounds and might not have patience for nosy dogs.

Make your hiking experience a positive one for your dog and others on the trail. Keeping a bag of dog treats when you are hiking is always handy and lets you reward your dog for being a great hiking buddy.

Now get out there and enjoy happy tails on the hiking trails!

Take the lead, tag your pup!



clackamas.us/dogs



Meet our new director



Kristine Wallace brings years of experience with dogs and county operations as the director of Dog Services.

Kristine Wallace became the director of Dog Services in November 2017. Learn more about her through this question and answer session.

Q: How long have you been with Dog Services?

A: Almost 19 years. I started working for Dog Services in 1999 – people asked me if I was old enough to drive! (And yes, I was. I promise.) I've enjoyed seeing many changes over the years.

Q: Why do you want to work with animals?

A: As many kids do, I loved animals and wanted to work with them. I washed my neighbor's dog as a kid, spent a summer washing dogs at 14 and worked at a boarding kennel in high school. My interest in animals combined with an interest in public service work in high school. We had a law and public service program that really sparked that interest and that's when I decided to become an animal control officer. A few years later I began working with Clackamas County.

Q: How's it going so far?

A: Great! I'm fortunate to work with passionate, caring people who share innovative ideas. Our shelter has support in so many forms; we have volunteers, rescue groups and adopters that all come from right here in our community! Even licensing your dog supports the great work that Dog Services does. The Clackamas Dogs Foundation also offers support that allows us to do more for the dogs in our shelter and enhances the welfare of dogs in our county. I really enjoy being a part of this active community and I look forward to our future.

Q: We hear you have a unique hobby?

A: Which one?! Just mention airplanes or talk about how a local road got its name and I'm all ears. I'm fascinated by local history, old pictures and maps. My favorite example is my vintage Clackamas County dog license tag collection. Who knew the county issued dog license tags in 1926? And who knew that each year's tag was unique from the last?

I am also a huge fan of general aviation and my dog is too ... she has been flying with our family since she was just a pup.

Q: What are your immediate and long-term goals for the shelter?

A: One place we see a need is in our homeless community, which is why we're working with other shelters in this region to collaborate on ways we can offer support.

We're working on a number of projects right now including:

- reestablishing a program that incorporates music for the dogs in our shelter;
- educating about the importance of licensing;
- developing a foster program; and,
- learning new ways to provide enrichment to the dogs in our care.

We'll continue to focus on reuniting lost dogs with their owners, placing dogs into homes and rescues that are best suited for them, and keeping both pets and people in our communities safe. We're proud that 76 percent of our stray dogs were reunited with their owners in 2017 and we're striving to do even better.

You can stay up-to-date on our efforts by following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ ClackamasCountyDogServices.



Free microchips for county-licensed dogs



Dog owners attend monthly vet clinics for services such as microchipping, vaccinations and more.

Dog Services offers free microchipping for licensed dogs at monthly vet cinics with proof of a Clackamas County dog license. If needed, you can purchase a license on the same day. Clinics are held the fourth Saturday of every month through a partnership with Good Neighbor Vet. Upcoming clinics are set for May 26, June 23 and July 28. Free rabies vaccinations are also available to people who purchase or renew their county dog license on the day of the clinic.

Dogs that are microchipped have a better chance of being reunited with their owners if they become lost or stolen. We offer free microchipping to try to reduce the number of lost dogs that end up in the county shelter.

The clinics are held at Clackamas Feed & Pet Supply's parking lot (15374 SE 130th Ave.). Dog owners must confirm their dog's current license at Dog Services (13141 SE Hwy 212) between 9 and 10:45 a.m. before receiving services.

Know before you go

- Explore additional veterinary medical and wellness service options offered by Good Neighbor Vet at www.goodneighborvet.com or call 888-234-1350.
- Purchase or renew your dog's county license before the clinic at www.clackamas.us/dogs.
- Find more information about the event at www.bit.ly/dogclinic or call 503-655-8628.

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REGISTER ONLINE AT: CLACKAMASDOGSFOUNDATION.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 503-722-6729 | SHOLCOMBE@CLACKAMAS.US

SPECIAL GUESTS: SEARCH AND RESCUE K9 TEAM FROM MOUNTAIN WAVE SEARCH & RESCUE









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MAY 3 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Science Talk: A Year in Birds

Libbie's Restaurant

Have fun learning about our diverse bird populations while honing your novice or seasoned birder skills! www.clackamas.us/wes/events.html

MAY 15

Primary election

Ballots due by 8 p.m. Check www.clackamas.us/ elections for full information on ballot measures and for a complete list of ballot drop-off locations.

MAY 18 6:30 P.M.

Oregon Ballet Theater 2

Milwaukie Center

Discover the magic of ballet with an intimate performance by the Oregon Ballet Theatre 2 (OBT2). www.ncprd.com/event/obt2

MAY 26 / JUNE 23 / JULY 28 9AM - 10:45 A.M.

Monthly vet clinics

Free microchipping for county-licensed dogs. Licenses can be purchased the same day. Free rabies vaccinations are also offered when purchasing or renewing a license at the clinic. Details at www.bit.ly/dogclinic.

HAPPY VALLEY **MAY 5 / L**AKE OSWEGO **JUNE 30 /** OREGON CITY **JULY 15**

Repair Fairs

Repair fairs feature skilled volunteers who help fix or mend broken household items like small appliances, bicycles and clothing. Join us to repair instead of replace! For locations and times, visit www.bit.ly/repairfairs.

AUGUST 14 - 18

Clackamas County Fair

This five-day event features fun activities for all ages! For more information, visit www.clackamas. us/fair/fair.html.

Saturdays in **JULY/ AUG**

Movies in the Park

Bring a picnic and a blanket, and enjoy free movies under the stars! Brought to you by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD). Visit www.ncprd.com/movies for locations.

Weekdays JUNE 25 - AUG 10

RecMobile

Play games, make crafts, meet new friends and have fun in the sun with the NCPRD RecMobile - perfect for kids ages 6 through 10! Visit www. ncprd.com for info.



Clackamas County Behavioral Health and nonprofit Lines for Life have launched the Senior Loneliness Line, a 24/7 crisis line that will offer help to older adults and their loved ones in the county.

Updates



Teen Artwork Contest winner announced

Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) are thrilled to announce West Linn resident Afton Fastabend, 13, as winner of their third annual Teen Summer Reading Artwork Contest. Afton's piece exemplified the theme of *Libraries Rock* (pictured above).

Summer reading program just around the corner

Starting in June, LINCC will offer summer reading programs for children and teens of all ages. Most LINCC libraries also offer summer reading programs for adults. Last year, more than 20,000 readers signed up for programs. People of all ages can register to keep track of their reading this summer. And there are great prizes to be had for those who participate!

The libraries offer many fun-filled events during the summer, including after-hours teen events, puppet shows, jugglers, game nights and outdoor concerts. For more information about summer reading programs and libraries, contact your local library or visit www.lincc.org.

Family-friendly, bilingual events at county libraries

Native Columbian children's songwriter Nathalia uses a creative bilingual approach to engage families in an interactive musical performance. From rock to cumbia, Nathalia will have families singing, dancing, and even learning a little Spanish! For a list of dates and locations for this and other library events, visit www.lincc.org/ summerreading.



While available to anyone in need, volunteers and staff are trained to work with and provide resources for older adults. The Senior Loneliness Line will also provide follow-up telephone crisis support for callers who would like to have continued conversations or support.

Any older adult experiencing loneliness, isolation, depression or anxiety can benefit from a confidential phone call with specialists. Sometimes knowing there is someone who cares and wants to listen can be of great help. Call 503-200-1633 or visit www.SeniorLonelinessLine.org.

Courthouse Replacement Project

The Clackamas County Courthouse, located in downtown Oregon City and built in the late 1930s, is in dire need of replacement. Doing so makes fiscal sense, addresses delays of justice, and improves safety and security. Watch the latest video from #ClackCo TV and learn more at www.clackamas.us/crp.

TRANSPORTATION

Summer road maintenance plans include paving roads, repairing bridges





Paving: We have hired contractors to pave 20.8 miles of road during the 2018 construction season, including those listed below. The paving projects are assembled as "packages" to make the most efficient use of labor and materials. We are giving area residents and property owners advance notice about the paving schedule and any traffic impacts.

- Maplelane Road package: 4.4 miles
 - Maplelane Road, from Maplelane Court to Ferguson Road
 - Holly Lane, from Redland Road to Maplelane Road
 - Ferguson Road, from Redland Road to Beckman Road
- Canby package: 8 miles
 - Lone Elder Road, from Highway 99E to Canby Marquam Highway
 - Rhoten Road, from Lone Elder Road to dead end
 - Sconce Road, from Canby-Marquam

Bridge Repair: All the county's 180 bridges are inspected at least once every two years, so we can keep track of and plan for needed repairs and maintenance work. That work often includes what we call bridge "scour" projects, to remove excess soil from the stream channel or replace soil around bridge foundations that has been washed away.

Several bridge repair projects are taking place in 2018, including for Kuehn Road Bridge over Kellogg Creek and Buckner Creek Road/Newkirchner Road Bridge over Buckner Creek.

Updates are posted at www.clackamas.us/roads/ workprogram.html. Questions? Contact Devin Patterson at devinpat@clackamas.us or 503-742-4666.

Road improvement projects will increase safety, reduce congestion

A number of projects are or will soon be underway this year to improve various roadways and bridges around the county. They include:

- Boyer Drive Extension: 82nd Avenue to Fuller Road
- Bull Run River (SE Bull Run Road) Bridge Approach Repairs (see photo at right)
- Clackamas River (Springwater Road) Bridge Replacement
- Clear Creek (S. Springwater Road) Bridge Approach Repairs

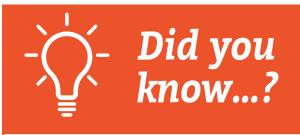
New bridge over Pudding River wins project-of-the-year award



The new Whiskey Hill Road Bridge over the Pudding River, which opened to the public in late summer 2017, won a project-of-the-year award from the Oregon chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) in the \$5-25 million category. The old two-lane bridge that had been built in 1931 had reached the end of its functional life. The new, wider bridge with shoulders has improved sight lines, and meets or exceeds current, safer design standards.



The approaches to the Bull Run Bridge is being repaired this year, to provide a safer, smoother ride for traffic and additional protection from heavy truck traffic that uses the bridge.



- Highway to dead end
- Feyrer Park package: 7.4 miles
 - Feyrer Park Road, from Mathias Road to Wright Road
 - Mathias Road, from Claim Road to Feyrer Park Road
 - Molalla Avenue, from 7th Street to Wilhoit Road
 - Ona Way, from Highway 211 to dead end
- Borland Road package: 1 mile
 - Borland Road, from Prosperity Park Road to Stafford Road

Watch for updates online at www.clackamas.us/ roads/workprogram.html.

Questions? Contact Project Manager Vince Hall at vincehal@clackamas.us or 503-650-3210.

- Dodge Park Bridge Rehabilitation
- Highway 224 at Springwater Road: Temporary Traffic Signal
- Jennings Lodge Pedestrian Improvements on Portland Avenue
- McLoughlin Boulevard Street Lighting Project
- Salmon River (Elk Park Road) Bridge Replacement
- Tualatin River (SW Pete's Mountain Road) Bridge Approach Repairs

We are notifying residents, businesses and property owners who will be impacted by these projects in advance about the project schedule and any closures, detours or delays expected as a result of the work.

More information is available online at www. clackamas.us/engineering/construction.html.

Clackamas County welcomes garage and yard sales!

You can have up to four garage sales in any 12-month period, each lasting no longer than 72 consecutive hours, with no permits required.

Get out there and sell!

If you are interested in having more than four garage sales per year or a garage sale lasting more than 72 hours, please contact the Planning Division at 503-742-4500.

If you have questions about other code enforcement issues, check out our FAQs at www.clackamas.us/codeenforcement/faq. html, call 503-742-4452 or email codeenforcement@clackamas.us.

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

Clockwise from left:

A dose of Vivitrol ready for delivery;

Community Corrections Capt. Jenna Morrison;

Dr. Andrew Suchocki of Clackamas County Health Centers.



Community Corrections incorporates new medication into its substance-abuse treatment, with positive results

The drug Vivitrol, administered monthly, blocks opioid receptors in the brain, stopping cravings and interrupting the addiction cycle

The heroin epidemic has proven a difficult challenge — state and local health departments report that medical emergencies and fatalities from opioid addiction are a daily occurrence.

Now Clackamas County is trying out a new medical tool — Vivitrol — to help curb drug cravings and keep those in recovery on track.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Community Corrections division is partnering with Clackamas County Public Health for a new pilot program — one that integrates medication-assisted treatment into the county's Corrections Substance Abuse Program (CSAP).

The Corrections Substance Abuse Program has

offered effective drug treatment for many years. But CSAP administrators note that the opioid epidemic offers unique challenges to its recovering clients.

"We noticed that clients were taking much longer to recover than in the past, and they were relapsing more frequently," said Capt. Jenna Morrison, Community Corrections Director.

Research shows that medication-assisted treatment may offer addicts the best chance at recovery. And so Clackamas County Public Health partnered to create a pilot project with Alkermes, the maker of Vivitrol, a medication that blocks opioid receptors in the brain, stopping cravings and interrupting the addiction cycle.

CSAP clients who are a part of the pilot project get an injection of Vivitrol once a month.

"When clients talk to us about the benefits of Vivitrol, they talk about how they have their lives back," said Andrew Suchocki, M.D.,MPH, Medical Director at Clackamas County Health Centers. "The cravings are gone and they feel like a regular person."

Brandin, a 24-year-old CSAP client, said Viv-

itrol has helped him tremendously. After injecting heroin for six years — and battling an addiction so severe that he nearly died twice of overdoses — he said he no longer has urges to use.

"The cravings just aren't there," said Brandin. "I feel like a normal person again, like I did before I started using."

Capt. Morrison said Vivitrol is not a substitute for traditional drug treatment. All clients enrolled in the pilot project that are receiving Vivitrol are also a part of CSAP, where they receive inpatient treatment for their drug addiction. "It's important to have the treatment component, because without it you are potentially setting people up for some serious failures," she said.

"Our goal is to impact the link between drug abuse and crime," said Sheriff Craig Roberts. "By addressing drug addiction during incarceration, we release clean-and-sober individuals into the community to lead successful lives. Our numbers demonstrate that most who graduate from our treatment program don't re-offend. Substance abuse treatment works — it's changing lives and making our community safer." ◆

Sheriff's Office gets Narcan for its K9s

Thanks to generous public donations, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit was recently able to purchase six Narcan kits - for the unit's dogs. The kits reverse the dangerous effects of drugs the animals might encounter on the job.

"Over the past couple of months, the nonprofit Friends of Clackamas County K9 received donations from the community for ballistic vests for our current dogs," ex-

plained Sqt. Brad O'Neil of the K9 Unit. "However. all our current working dogs already have vests. But the donors told us they still wanted their money to help out with lifesaving measures for the K9 Unit."



K9 CODA WITH NARCAN KIT

So the K9 team

used the money to purchase six Narcan kits from the nonprofit K9s of Valor for the dogs.

Narcan contains nalaxone — a reversal drug for overdoses involving opioids such as heroin, fentanyl and carfentanil. Fentanyl is 100 times more potent than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Carfentanil is 10,000 times more deadly than heroin.

Heroin and other opioid drugs in pill form are often laced with fentanyl and carfentanil to make them more potent - and also extremely addictive and deadly.

Fentanyl and carfentanil can be absorbed by the body through inhaling fine particles or through the skin by touch. They are virtually undetectable until the effects of the drug are seen first-hand.

Each Sheriff's Office K9 handler has been issued and trained in the use of the Narcan kits in case their K9 partners come into contact with these deadly drugs during the course of duty.

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SHERIFF'S CORNER

Sheriffs' Association launches new statewide video training series on domestic violence



SHERIFF CRAIG ROBERTS

Dear Clackamas County residents:

We recently partnered with the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA) to create a new domestic violence video training series for law enforcement personnel across the state - and I'm very pleased with the results.

Police are on the front lines of domestic violence calls. These investigations can be complex and dangerous for the involved parties and for law enforcement.

Effective police training is absolutely critical to help victims and conduct investigations that will hold offenders accountable.

The five-part domestic vio-

lence video series, produced by SpiritMedia, was financially sponsored through the generosity of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), and narrated by our own Det. Erin Schweitzer.

Topics include how to respond to a domestic violence crime scene; how to gain rapport with the victim; a general overview of restraining orders; strangulation as it relates to domestic violence; and how to investigate when the domestic violence suspect is a law enforcement professional.

A domestic violence survivor bravely shares her story in the training series - which also includes interviews with law enforcement professionals, a state prosecutor, and key members of front-line domestic violence advocacy organizations including Clackamas Women's Services and A Safe Place Family Justice Center.

Sheriffs' offices will have access to this important training via phone, tablet, or laptop, through a webbased software from PowerDMS. The partnership between the Sheriffs' Association and PowerDMS is the first of its kind in the nation, and I'm proud that the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office helped lead this statewide training innovation.

- Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts



Above: Oregon Senior Assistant Attorney General Erin Greenawald participates in a taping for OSSA's domestic-violence video training series.



At left: Det. Erin Schwietzer, host of the domestic violence training video series.

To watch the video in the training series covering strangulation and domestic violence, visit https://tinyurl.com/dvtrainingseries

youtube.com/ClackamasSheriff