

Rate your #ClackCo Services

Clackamas County is asking local residents and stakeholders to provide feedback regarding the value of its services.

The county's expenditures are outpacing funding streams. This is due to several reasons, including declining state/federal revenues, increases in the cost of living, and rising financial obligations.

By law, the county's budget must be balanced every year. This current fiscal year's budget is balanced – county officials accomplished this by drawing down one-time reserves that cannot be used again.

Did you know less than 19% of property taxes go to county general operations? Most funds are dedicated or restricted (from federal/state sources and fees). About \$140 million is general fund dollars that fund a portion of the county's services.

This is an opportunity for the county to be more efficient with tax dollars.

County officials have already taken measures intended to ensure the county lives within its means, just as county residents do. These steps include:

- County departments have cut costs by 2-5%.
- The adopted general budget is approximately \$25 million less than previous fiscal year.

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Jeff Hicks, from the US Army Corps of Engineers, describes safety conditions of the Locks with Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek and other legislators during a Sept. 9 visit to the Locks.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, legislators visit Willamette Falls Locks in Clackamas County

Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek and legislators from the region on Sept. 9 visited the Willamette Falls Locks in West Linn.

Clackamas County is a member of the Willamette Falls Locks State Commission, tasked with finding a new owner for the Locks and negotiating a transfer from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Locks were closed in 2011 for safety issues, and the Corps has no interest in reopening or operating the facility.

The State Commission, made up of 23 members appointed by Oregon Governor Kate Brown, submitted two bills in 2019 to transfer the Locks to a new owner and fund the repair of the Locks. State legislators did not pass either bill, but asked the State Commission to build a robust business model for a repaired and reopened Locks. They are to return to the legislature in 2020 with a proposal.

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New veterans housing complex to be named after local Navy veteran

If you're a veteran in Clackamas County, there's a good chance you may know Clayton Mohr.

A Navy veteran, Mohr helps other veterans in the county by driving them to necessary appointments, engaging with veterans at local resource fairs, fundraising for medical transport vans for veterans, and socializing with veterans who struggle with daily life.

This sort of selflessness was noticed as the Housing Authority of Clackamas County picked Mohr to be the namesake of 24 fully-subsidized housing units for chronically homeless and severely low-income veterans and their families. The Clayton Mohr Commons will be officially dedicated at 11 a.m. Nov. 13, 2019 at 399 Caufield Street in Oregon City. The site is conveniently located near community

resources for veterans and their families, including transit, grocery stores and health care providers.

"The new building for the veterans means so much to so many," Mohr said to the Board of County Commissioners at a Sept. 19 business meeting. "I'm honored. We need more of those, but every bit helps. Thank you."

During the fall of 2018, the county's Housing Authority reached out to the public and solicited nominations for the naming of the project to honor a local veteran. In total, 97 submissions were received representing 49 unique individuals. A committee of Housing Authority staff, county staff and local veterans reviewed and discussed all of the entries before selecting Mohr.

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Clayton Mohr is the namesake of the Clayton Mohr Commons, a group of 24 fully-subsidized housing units for chronically homeless and severely low-income veterans and their families. The units will be officially dedicated Nov. 13 in Oregon City.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LOCAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY



SPECIAL ELECTION UNDERWAY



PROMOTING THE VALUES OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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Gresham, OR
Permit No. 88
ECRWSS
Postal
Customer
clackamas.us

ClackCo Quarterly
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, OR 97045
clackamas.us



County committed to building public trust through good government

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A hiring freeze is in effect. Only essential positions are being filled.

The future sustainable budget will be lean, effective, and responsible. But we need feedback from county residents.

County officials need to know which #ClackCo services you value the most for the community.

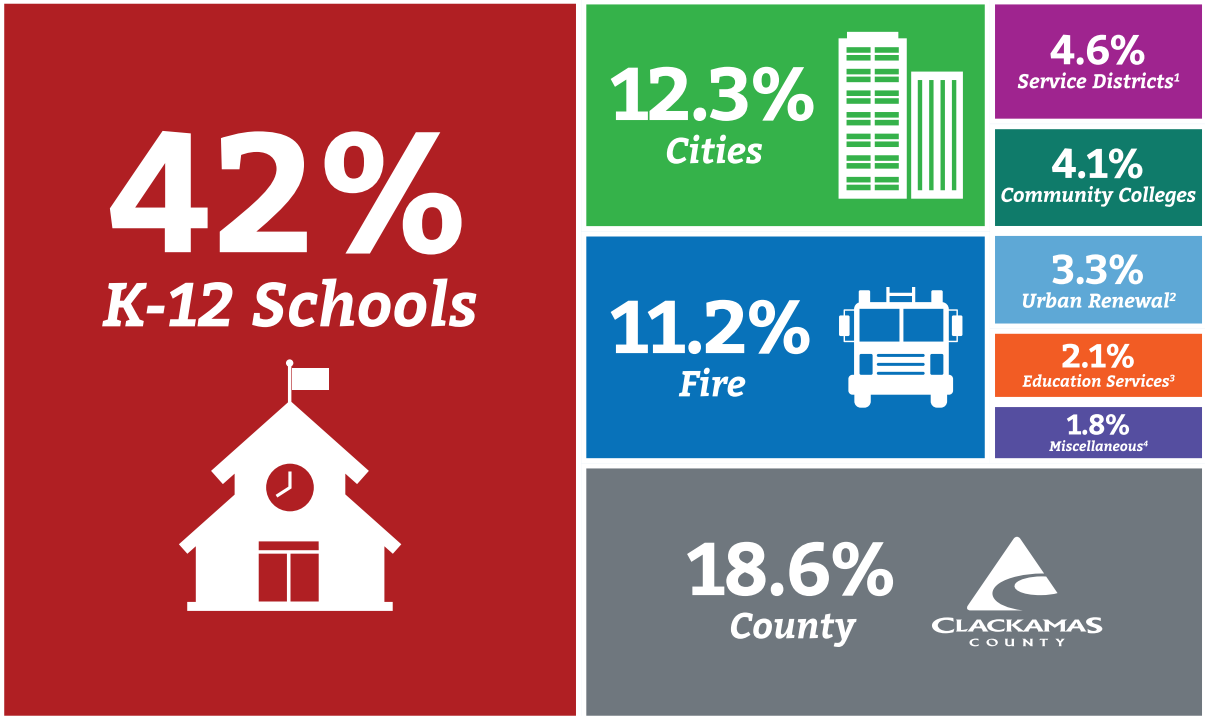
#ClackCo Commissioners and the public Budget Committee may need to make challenging decisions about future service funding next June. By completing a brief survey, residents are providing county officials with critical sentiment about the value of services that the county offers.

Please note that the county operates many more services than the ones listed in this survey. Services like health clinics, road maintenance, or 911 emergency. But those are funded from federal, state, or other dedicated funding streams — not property taxes (aside from administrative costs).

Thanks again for helping to develop a future sustainable budget that will be lean, effective and responsible. This process is part of the county's commitment to Building Public Trust Through Good Government, one of only five strategic priorities of the Board of County Commissioners.

Where Your Property Taxes Go

Less than 19% of your property taxes go to #ClackCo for general operations.



¹ Libraries, Metro, Ext. Office, etc. ² 10 cities, county addressing urban decay. ³ Servicing K-12 schools. ⁴ Port of Portland, Vector Control, cemeteries, etc.

2018-19 Fiscal Year

The survey has grouped services into the following pages/categories:



Public Health
(providing care, actions, and research aimed at keeping residents healthy)



Vulnerable Populations
(providing services to at-risk groups like homeless individuals or vulnerable children)



Planning, Development, Taxation & Finance
(providing land use, permitting, code enforcement and similar services)



General Public Services
(includes park maintenance, dog sheltering, library, and similar services)



Law and Justice
(includes operations of the District Attorney and Sheriff's Office, and juvenile offender services)

Take the survey!
Go to: <http://bit.ly/RateClackCo>

#ClackCo
QUARTERLY



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

Contact us about stories at ClackCoQuarterly@clackamas.us.

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

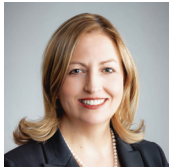


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GET INVOLVED!

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. The form allows you to select topics of interest to you.

The county has many opportunities for community members to become involved in specific issues, activities and goals of county programs. For a full list of advisory board and commission openings, visit www.bit.ly/ClackCoInv.

Clackamas County loves its veterans

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

The Clackamas County Veterans Service Office continues to provide effective assistance to veterans filing claims for service connected disabilities and other benefits with the federal Veterans Administration. Between July 2018 and June 2019, 952 new claims were filed and 91 claims were appealed on behalf of Clackamas County veterans. As of 9/30/19, 900 claims were granted, generating more than \$12 Million in new VA benefits for Clackamas County veterans.

Significantly reducing veteran homelessness is a goal within reach. Our Social Services Division formed a Homeless Veteran Coordination Team a few years ago, including numerous external and internal partners. Team goals are to coordinate services for homeless veterans, streamline access to housing and other critical services, and maximize the resources of each partner so services are efficient and effective for homeless veterans. This team tracks known homeless veterans throughout the County and between July 2018 and September 2019 the number has gone down by 36%, from 136 to 87, a decrease of 49 veterans.

In November, 24 new units of permanent housing for low-income and homeless veterans will be opening in Oregon City, a partnership between the Housing Authority of Clackamas County and Northwest Housing Alternatives and a number of service providers including Do Good NW, the Veterans Administration and Clackamas County Social Services.

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

Veterans Service Office is on your side

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

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

For more information, call:

Clackamas County Veterans Service Office: 503-650-5631

#ClackCo Commissioners Notebook: Be prepared!

September was National Preparedness Month, and #ClackCo did its part to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning. This included hosting events like *Mountain Hazards ... Are you prepared?* in Welches, where the public learned how to better protect homes and families from flooding, earthquakes, volcano eruption, and wildland fires.

#ClackCo Quarterly caught up with the five Clackamas County Commissioners to ask them about what they have done to either prepare themselves or their community for a disaster, or what advice they had for residents.



Partnering is key

I have participated in emergency exercises with our own Disaster Management Department and our partners in order to prepare for an actual emergency regional event, so we understand how to maintain services and communicate with the public. County partners include cities, the state of Oregon, nonprofits, first responders, faith-based organizations, schools and others. We will work together through a unified Emergency Operations Center to make sure residents receive help and information. But no matter how much we prepare, it will take all of us working together as neighbors, to get through any emergency that comes our way. I invite residents to learn more at <http://bit.ly/ClackCoEOP>.



Helping others in times of emergency

During an emergency, it will be up to all of us to help our most vulnerable residents reach safety. In addition to creating an emergency kit, please keep a sturdy pair of shoes under your bed in the case of an overnight emergency so that you do not have to walk barefoot through debris and can quickly help others. To prepare, help a senior or a neighbor with a disability create an emergency plan and kit as well. Make sure they have adequate medication and other support needs to last for several days if there is ever a large-scale event. If you can, offer to be part of their support network. Please check www.ready.gov/disability for more.



Working with your neighbors

During a disaster, it may take a long time for first responders or utility workers to reach you. The first line of response will be your neighbors. It is important to talk to your neighbors about the resources each person has available to them prior to an emergency situation. You can learn what skills people have to offer, and create a neighborhood contact list and plan. Whether it’s minor flooding, a heat wave or a large-scale event, knowing ahead of time how neighbors can support each other can prove invaluable. Information on www.clackamas.us or www.ready.gov/plan can help with ideas to engage your neighbors or people in your community.



Signing up for public alerts

Every community at one time or another will experience an emergency. We can all do our part to help each other by advance planning and being prepared. One proactive way to prepare is by signing up for public alerts. By providing contact information through this notification system, county residents will be able to receive critical emergency messages via email, phone call, and text during times of disasters. All county residents can enroll at www.clackamas.us/publicalerts. We can also help by learning CPR and first aid training to assist someone who is injured when disaster strikes. Having skills to help someone in need could make all the difference in the life of another person when first responders may be overwhelmed with calls.



Making sure clean water is available

When I think about being ready for a big earthquake or other natural disaster, I instantly think of the needs of my family, children and pets. Many services, like drinking water, grocery stores or pharmacies, may be unavailable or inaccessible. It’s imperative to have a stash of clean water on hand in an emergency! Next time you are at the store, grab a couple extra cases of bottled water for that special someone or cherished pet in your life. For a list of what to include in your Emergency Kit for everyone in your household, visit www.ready.gov/kit.

Recycling and Reuse in Clackamas County

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

Bulky Items

Options for getting rid of bulky items, such as furniture, appliances, tires, mattresses, etc.:

- **Donate:** Call **503-234-3000** or go online to search Metro’s Find a Recycler tool at www.OregonMetro.gov/FindaRecycler.
- **Curbside pick-up** by your garbage company. *Call your collector for fees and details.*
- **Take to a garbage facility:** Dispose of items at **Metro South Transfer Station** (503-234-3000) in Oregon City or **Clackamas County Transfer Station** (503-260-1577) near Sandy.



Electronics

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

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



1-888-532-9253



Household Hazardous Waste

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

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



Donate Your Stuff

Many materials can be donated for reuse in your community.

- **Habitat Restore**, Canby
503-263-6691 | www.nwvrestore.org
- **Red White & Blue Donation Center**, Gladstone
503-655-3444 | www.redwhiteandbluethriftstore.com
- **Deseret Industries**, Happy Valley
503-777-3895 | www.deseretindustries.org
- **Community Warehouse**, Tualatin
503-235-8786 | www.communitywarehouse.org



About Trash Talk

Trash Talk pages are provided by Clackamas County’s Sustainability & 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 Sustainability & Solid Waste
503-557-6363 | wasteinfo@clackamas.us
www.clackamas.us/recycling

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

Plastic Bags and Plastic Wrap

A variety of stretchy plastic bags and plastic wrap can be returned to **grocery stores**. Accepted plastics include empty and dry produce and bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case wrap, newspaper bags, plastic wrap, bubble wrap and air pillows.

For a list of participating grocery stores and a full list of plastic bags and wrap accepted for recycling, visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.




Medication

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

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

Alternate medication drop site (fee applies):
Metro South Hazardous Waste Facility
503-234-3000 | 2001 Washington St., Oregon City



Styrofoam™

While Styrofoam™ is not accepted in your curbside recycle bin, there is a drop off location to recycle this material. They can also recycle #6 plastic.

Agilyx
www.agilyx.com
13240 SW Wall St., Tigard
503-217-3160



Yard Debris

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

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

McFarlane’s Bark
13345 SE Johnson Road, Milwaukie
503-659-4240

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



Mix only these items in your Recycling Container

Español Русский Tiếng Việt 中文 ภาษาไทย 한국어 www.bit.ly/ClackCoRecycleGuide

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

Aluminum, tin and steel cans
Metal paint cans (empty and dry)
Aerosol cans
Aluminum foil and pie plates
Scrap metal (smaller than 30 inches and less than 30 pounds)
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:

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



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*



Metro Recycling Hotline 503-234-3000

In your Garbage Container

Plastic film and bags*



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



Frozen food containers



Glassware, ceramics and incandescent light bulbs



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

New opportunities for the local recycling industry

Residents and businesses in Clackamas County can have confidence that properly sorted recyclables collected by your garbage and recycling company are accepted by recycling facilities and finding a useful life and not, going in a landfill.

Recycling has been in the news a lot lately. Headlines, blogs and social media have spread the word that since overseas destinations for our recycling have shifted or closed, some communities in the US have significantly cut back their recycling or have started sending some recyclables to landfills instead. This is true, but not so in our region.

For recyclables to be remade into new products, they must be sorted and shipped to companies that will convert them into useable materials for manufacturers. Over the last 20 years, most sorted recycling from the US and Europe was shipped to companies in China. This pattern ended in the last two years as China prohibited all but perfectly-sorted materials. Our local recycling facilities had to adjust to meet higher standards. As a result, in a few isolated instances local facilities requested permission from the Department of Environmental Quality to dispose of small amounts of recycling, most of which were not the items we accept in your recycling cart.

Since 2017, however, new opportunities have emerged including new markets, investments in recycling infrastructure and a deepening commitment to recycling right. The future looks brighter. More recycling is anticipated to be processed domestically in coming years.

New markets

While China has essentially closed itself to recyclables, new destinations have opened or expanded. Many of these will be in North America or other countries in southeast Asia. Plastics and paper companies are investing in growth in the US and Canada. At least 22 paper mills in North America are coming online or increasing capacity according to the Northeast Recycling Council. Close to home, paper mills previously closed are reopening, including the Willamette Falls Paper Company, in



Recycled paper being sorted and baled at a Material Recover Facility.

West Linn Paper’s former plant. The mill plans to work with local recyclers and include recycled paper in their production. Canadian plastics company EFS-Plastics is expanding. Their focus is on materials traditionally exported to overseas markets, and they are buying bales of plastic generated domestically.

Investments in recycling infrastructure

Facilities sorting mixed recycling are also investing in new technologies, such as high speed camera’s, image recognition and robots with artificial intelligence, to more efficiently separate plastics and paper. Sorting facilities that take partially-sorted materials from recyclers, known as ‘secondary sorting’, are opening up in California (and being tested here in our region) to more meticulously sort paper and plastic for specialized markets.

Deepening commitments to recycling right

Counties and cities throughout the region are working together to make sure people know what


can and cannot be recycled in the first place. Recently, the website www.recycleornot.org was launched to help address some of the most confusing items for local recyclers. A new program conducted by Clackamas County Sustainability and Solid Waste in May 2018 brought personalized recycling guidance in the form of tags placed on carts, to over 3,700 households. When people put only the items that belong in the recycle bin, it helps the entire recycling system—from sorting, to selling, to turning those materials into new products

Keep recycling, and review that recycle guide!

Many people who review our recycle guide learn they may have been putting something in the recycling that doesn’t belong! Help the environment and the recycling system by taking a moment to review the guide at www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleguide.html. (Recycling rules are the same in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties).


Fruit and Vegetable Storage Guide

INSIDE THE FRIDGE:




- Apples, berries and cherries
- Grapes, kiwi and all citrus fruit
- Almost all fruit, vegetables and herbs

ONCE RIPE, STORE IN THE FRIDGE:




- Melons, nectarines, apricots, peaches, pears and plums
- Avocados and tomatoes

ON THE COUNTER OR TABLE:



- Bananas, Basil
- Winter squash
- Once cut, store produce in the fridge

IN A COOL, DARK PLACE, LIKE A CUPBOARD:



- Mangos, papayas and pineapples
- Potatoes, onions and garlic

More tips to prevent wasted food at www.EatSmartWasteLess.com

We’re plastic bags and plastic wrap. Basically, we are trouble.

Plastic bags and plastic wrap like us create big problems, like jamming up the machines that sort recycling. Please don’t put us in the recycling bin.

Learn more about us (and about recycling right) at RecycleOrNot.org.





Inclement weather reminder:

Garbage and recycling service can be disrupted when bad weather affects our region—potentially even if your street is drivable.

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



Four Clackamas County schools eliminating cafeteria waste

A few years ago, serving food to over 400 students at Lee Elementary School in Canby produced four heavy bags of trash each day. Today? Just one.

Lee is one of four schools in Clackamas County that have drastically reduced their garbage by switching to washable service ware, milk dispensers, and separating uneaten food for composting.

More than half of a typical school’s garbage comes from the cafeteria. This includes items like disposable trays, utensils, uneaten food, milk, and milk cartons. Wanting to cut waste and costs, schools are changing the way they approach school lunch. Their efforts are making a huge difference.

It starts with a commitment to avoiding single-use service ware by offering washable trays, utensils, and cups. Doing so has reduced Lee Elementary School’s lunch trash by 75 percent, and wasted milk

by more than half. In one school, wasted milk was adding up to 1,800 gallons a year.

After eating, students place silverware in a bucket with soapy water, empty unfinished milk into another bucket, place cups in a dishwasher tray, discard uneaten food into a compost container, and stack their trays. It takes only a few seconds and creates a positive, teambuilding attitude.

For kitchen and custodial staff, time saved handling less trash is used washing service ware or emptying milk and compost containers. Other staff help run the buffet line, replenish the milk dispenser, or reinforce the right steps for students as they clean up.

The teams at Knight Elementary (Canby), Scouters Mountain Elementary and Cascade Heights Elementary (North Clackamas) have also adopted this approach, and all are leaders in making their

schools among the greenest in our community.

Do you want to reduce waste in your school cafeteria? Contact Laurel Bates for assistance at 503-742-4454 or lbates@clackamas.us.

Students: How is your school reducing waste in the kitchen and cafeteria? Answer these questions to find out! Cut out this box!

Does your school:	YES
Use washable plates or trays	
Use washable plates or trays	
Eliminate straws	
Use condiment dispensers instead of packets	
Use a milk dispenser and washable cups	
Use washable cups for water or encourage students to use their own water bottle	
Collect food scraps for compost or other use	

Lee Elementary School reduced lunch trash from four to one bag a day. Check out how they did it:



1. Students start with a washable tray

2. Grab washable silverware and a cup

3. Lastly, the milk or water dispenser

4. After eating, students clean up

Businesses carve out paths to sustainability

Businesses earning Clackamas County’s Leaders in Sustainability certification benefit from improved waste reduction practices and appreciation from their customers, along with the confidence that they’re contributing to a thriving, sustainable local community. There’s another benefit as well: More than ever, employees expect their workplace to demonstrate that green business practices are the way of doing business, period. In a competitive hiring market, a demonstrated commitment to sustainability is a selling point not just to customers, but also to job candidates and existing employees.

That kind of employee satisfaction is evident every time a business is certified as a Leader in Sustainability. The following are some of the certified businesses that follow proven green practices to minimize waste and maximize resources. But since every workplace is different, they’ve all personalized unique approaches to sustainability that only enhance what already makes them special.

Lake Theater & Cafe’s commitment to sustainability starts with Chef Scott sourcing farm-direct food for their seasonal menus, including vegetables from a local organic farm at which Chef Scott helps out during growing season. They prevent waste at the theater by serving food and concessions in reusable containers, offering durable straws instead of disposable ones, and composting food scraps; plus, they’ve switched lighting to LED, including on their marquee outside.



Stanley Infrastructure, which designs and builds power tools for construction, has ambitious goals to eliminate trash sent to the landfill. Megan Edmundson, the Division Environmental, Health & Safety Manager for two Milwaukie locations, spent this past summer evaluating their waste streams for reduction opportunities. She connected with the Oregon Applied Sustainability Experience program to host intern Jack Hobbs. Jack audited their waste stream, analyzed how materials are used across operations, and reported on the potential benefits of changes, like consolidating waste stations, switching to electric hand dryers, and recycling manufacturing-related waste that goes beyond the basic recycling list.

When **GeoEngineers** relocated to Clackamas County, they went right to work on getting certified. Along with prioritizing sustainability in environmental engineering projects, they opt for paperless filing and invoicing, collect batteries and electronics for recycling, and support employees who telecommute, bike or take the bus. Their community efforts are even more impressive, offering employees a paid day each year to volunteer and matching employee charitable donations. Their inclusive contracting program connects them with small, woman- and minority-owned businesses on projects. GeoEngineers’ certification received a boost from their building’s property management company, Shorenstein Realty

Services, also a certified Leader in Sustainability.

Rose City Labels has been committed to sustainability since 2009. They minimize their waste stream, measure and reduce their energy consumption, upgrade equipment to be more efficient, and share their sustainability journey with customers and staff. They have been making custom-printed labels for small and midsize northwest companies for over 90 years. You may not know the manufacturer behind the labels of your favorite local beer, wine or other specialty foods, but it’s likely Rose City Labels.

The staff at **LiveEdge Eco Salon** in Oregon City do a great job of sharing their sustainability story with everyone who walks in the door. They are blazing a new trail for the beauty industry when it comes to sustainability by recycling and reusing 95% of their waste, using ammonia-free and organic products, and supporting local entrepreneurs by selling jewelry and skin care products from Oregon makers.



Ready to make your workplace greener?
We can help develop a customized plan for your own business to achieve certification. Contact us at 503-742-4458 or lis@clackamas.us

Crews keep county roads safe before, during and after storms

Our proactive approach improves safety, saves resources during ice and snow events

When the weather shifts to snow and ice, you can count on Transportation Maintenance crews to be out on county roads protecting travellers throughout the county even before a storm hits.

Pre-treating county main roads

We're constantly monitoring weather forecasts for storms. When snow or ice is predicted, crews spray deicer on county main roads in unincorporated areas of Clackamas County before the storm arrives. Deicer is a solution of magnesium chloride (a diluted form of salt) that is an effective and environmentally-friendly alternative to using rock salt on the roads. Deicer reduces the temperature that water freezes to prevent ice from forming, and allows our plows to remove snow and ice more easily.

We can apply deicer up to a week before a storm if the weather is dry and cold, and when the temperature of the road stays under 40 degrees. Above 40 degrees, the diluted salt solution becomes a slippery gel that would worsen conditions for travelers. Approximately 20-25 gallons of deicer is applied per mile.

Maintaining roads during a storm

Crews spread sand on main roads to improve traction where needed. Mixing deicer into the sand as it's spread on the road helps to weaken the bond of ice and snow from the road. We're also able to use less material overall because the sand sticks to the road better, and less sand ends up on the shoulder.

Sometimes we have to close roads due to unsafe driving conditions like Johnson Creek Boulevard in the Altamont area. When needed, the county blocks



Deicer is used to pretreat county main roads ahead of winter storms for safer travel.

off the intersection and directs traffic to the signed snow route for safer travel.

Cleaning up afterwards

Crews sweep up sand after a storm. Stockpiles of sand and deicer are assessed and new materials are ordered so we're ready for when the next winter storm arrives.

Responsibly using public dollars

Using deicer makes our road network safer for winter travel. It also saves time, labor and materials because crews can treat roads well before a storm hits, makes keeping up with weather more manageable, and allows us to use less sand overall so there is less cleanup afterwards.

For information on the county's winter weather response efforts, visit www.bit.ly/winterroadresponse. For real-time traffic and weather conditions, visit www.tripcheck.com.

Drive safely this winter



Staying put during an ice or snow storm is the best practice, but if you *must* drive during a winter storm, follow these safe driving tips:

- Know before you go! Visit www.tripcheck.com (Oregon Department of Transportation) for real-time updates on road and weather conditions
- Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination safely
- Alert someone of your travel route and schedule
- Before you leave, check the brakes, tire pressure and tread, windshield wiper fluid and battery power levels
- Make sure your vehicle lights are in working order; if you're towing a trailer, be sure to also check your trailer brake lights and turn signals
- Keep a close watch for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Drive based on weather conditions, not speed limits

For more information on driving safely this winter, visit www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips.

Treat dark traffic signals as four-way stops; use caution

For drivers: Please use extra caution when traffic signals are not working properly. Drive slowly, look for pedestrians and bicyclists, and adjust your speed to the road conditions. If the traffic signal is off, treat the intersection like an all-way stop and proceed with caution. The driver who stops first has the right of way to go first.

For pedestrians and bicyclists: Make sure you cross the road at a crosswalk or corner. Try to make eye contact with drivers and continue looking left-right-left while crossing.

For more tips on how you can be a safer traveler, visit www.drivetozero.org.

Canby Ferry hours shift for the season



The Canby Ferry hours of operation go into winter status starting Nov. 4. The ferry will provide daily service from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through March 9, 2020. Check the ferry operating status and sign up for email updates at www.bit.ly/canbyferry.

Sign vandalism causes serious safety concerns, increases maintenance costs

A missing sign such as a stop or curve warning sign can create a hazardous situations for any traveller. We all rely on the vast network of traffic signs to safely get to our destinations. A senseless act of vandalism can ultimately lead to a crash!

Replacing vandalized traffic signs cost the county around \$10,000 for each of the last three years including material and labor costs. This pulls valuable county resources away from other important projects to improve our road infrastructure and public safety.

Damaged signs require us to use more plastic, aluminum, steel and wood, increasing our carbon footprint and wasting valuable materials.

Transportation Maintenance strives to keep roads safe. You can help prevent potential hazards by reporting damaged or missing signs on county roads, as well as obstructions (trees, debris, standing water), potholes and traffic signals that aren't working at www.bit.ly/roadconcern, 503-557-6391 or RoadConcerns@clackamas.us.

Thanks for your help!



ClackCo Academy participants learn about the sign shop from traffic operations specialist Sean Jewett during a tour of Transportation Maintenance operations in August. Learn more about the academy at www.clackamas.us/pga/academy.html.

Dog Licensing: “Since when do I need to license my dog?”

Dog licensing has been required in Clackamas County since at least 1926, according to Dog Services Manager Kristine Wallace who has a collection of antique Clackamas County dog license tags that date back to the 1920’s.



Dog license tags have changed in appearance over the years – such as the triangle-shaped tag from the 1960’s that inspired our current logo – but the core reasons for licensing are the same – to protect pets and the community.

Licensing started as a way to ensure all dogs were vaccinated against rabies and to keep a record of the information to protect the community from disease. A license tag meant that the dog was vaccinated and owned.

A license today means the same thing and it provides even more benefits! Beyond a reliable way to identify loose or stray dogs, a license ensures a longer holding period for strays at our shelter and gives staff important details and medical

information. License fees help fund stray dog care, adoptions, placing rescued dogs in new homes, field officers responding to needs throughout the county and additional services such as vaccination clinics, free microchipping and special vet care.

Clackamas County sends postcards to dog owners when their dog receives a rabies vaccination from their local vet to remind them of the licensing requirement.

The story of Chase, the dog

You may have seen a lost dog named Chase in the news this summer. Chase, an Australian Shepherd mix, was rescued from a steep hillside by the Oregon Humane Society’s Technical Animal Rescue team(OHSTAR) and brought to Dog Services in July. His owner had been unsuccessful in finding him after he disappeared nine days before in Canby. Sadly, he had no license, identification or microchip to find his owner. Chase would soon have been made available for adoption.

But Chase and his owner were lucky. His owner saw a story about Chase on local TV news and came to the county shelter to take him home.

Before taking Chase home, his owner immediately purchased a county dog license. She also took him to the Dog Shelter’s next veterinary clinic to be microchipped and receive a rabies vaccine. Now, she knows that if Chase ever decides to go wandering again, someone will be able to easily help him find his way home!



Chase is one of over 330 dogs successfully returned to their owners so far this year.

Chase’s story is a great example of how a simple dog license can save days of stress for dogs and humans alike. It also illustrates why having a safe haven for dogs in our community is so important. Chase’s owner asked that people learn from her experience and get their dog licensed and microchipped.

Visit www.clackamas.us/dogs for information about county dog licenses, monthly vet clinics, dogs available for adoption and more.

7 reasons to license your dog

- 1. It’s the law.** Dog licensing has been required in Clackamas County for close to 100 years. Licensing is required for dogs 6 months and older or any adult dog that has lived in the county for 30 days.
- 2. It proves that your dog is vaccinated against rabies.** You need a current rabies vaccination to get a dog license. Knowing your dog has a current license helps pet care professionals, landlords and the people at the dog park know that your dog is rabies vaccinated and that you've done your part to protect your pets and others in the community.
- 3. Your dog can get home easier.** Whether a passerby finds your dog loose and uses the information on the license to find you, or a Dog Services Officer brings your lost, licensed dog home, a dog license can save a lot of stress.
- 4. A visit to the shelter comes with benefits if your dog has a current license.** A current license allows us to hold your dog for a longer time in our shelter before we start looking for a new home. It also allows us to waive the first-time impound fee (\$50) when you reclaim you dog.
- 5. It's less expensive to buy a license than pay a fee.** A one-year license for a spayed/neutered dog is \$24, and it’s \$41 for a fertile dog. This costs less than the potential fine and it’s priceless if it helps get your dog back home to you! If your dog is unlicensed, you could be issued a citation with a fine of up to \$500.
- 6. It's quick and easy.** You can purchase or renew your dog license online in minutes, at a participating veterinary clinic, by mail or by coming to the shelter. Information about all these options is at www.clackamas.us/dogs.
- 7. License fees help support the shelter and other dogs in need.** If you’re still not convinced, know that that license fees support the shelter and help care for lost and homeless dogs. It supports the officers that help keep the community and our pets safe. If your dog does end up at the shelter from a grand “mis-adventure”, you'll know that they are in good hands.

Content adapted from www.pethub.com/article/7-reasons-license-your-pet

Serving our four-legged friends

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

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



Come meet our adoptable dogs!

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

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

503-655-8628
13141 SE Highway 212
Clackamas, OR 97015
dogcontrol@clackamas.us

Adopt. License. Donate.



Take the lead, tag your pup!





Purchase or renew your county dog license at www.clackamas.us/dogs

Special Election underway; ballots due Nov. 5

Clackamas County’s Special Election, which includes various measures, is currently underway. Ballots on all measures were distributed in September and October, and an online Voters’ Pamphlet is available at www.clackamas.us/elections.

Ballot measures include measures from or affecting Metro, Clackamas County Vector Control, the cities of Happy Valley, Portland and West Linn, as well as Portland Public Schools and the West Linn-Wilsonville School Districts.

Ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5. If you are mailing your ballot, please mail it before Oct. 30, 2019 to ensure it reaches Clackamas County elections prior to Nov. 5, 2019. You may also drop off your ballot at a secure county drop box – a full list can be found at www.bit.ly/ClackCoDropBoxes.



A different approach to addressing substance abuse

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) pilot that launched in January is showing early signs of success.

Modeled after LEAD in Seattle, the program offers people involved in low-level drug offenses the choice of case management instead of jail time. The goal is to emphasize harm reduction and connection to services including housing, health care and drug treatment as a way to keep people out of the criminal justice process.

“LEAD provides law enforcement important tools to effectively address problems stemming from addiction, poverty and houselessness, which contribute to criminal behavior,” said Lieutenant Graham Phalen of the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office. “It connects offenders

with human services field workers who bring an individualized 360-degree approach that meets them where they are in that moment, in ways that law enforcement cannot, and starts them on the road to reducing the harms their behaviors cause.”

To be eligible, the individual cannot be on probation for a crime against a person, be currently participating in a Clackamas Specialty Court or be involved in the sales of a substance. If the individual completes the in-depth assessment and intake meeting with a case manager, there will be no criminal charges filed on them.

“This model treats substance use disorders as the chronic medical conditions we know them

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2018 study finds Locks could revitalize river industries

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Clackamas County signed a resolution in 2014 supporting the repair and reopening of the Locks. A local study published in 2018 affirmed the local economic potential of the Locks. The study justified the effort of the State Commission and

suggests reopening the Locks could revitalize river industries including commercial barging, tourism and recreation uses.

For more information on the Willamette Falls Locks, go to: <https://orsolutions.org/osproject/WFLC>

Our mission is to be your partner in your overall health.

Clackamas County has a revised Notice of Privacy Practices. It explains how your health information may be used and disclosed. It also tells you how can access your information.

If you would like a copy of this notice or have questions, you may call 503-722-6730, email hipaa-privacy@clackamas.us. You can also ask for a copy at any of the locations where you receive health services. The notice can also be found on our website www.clackamas.us/hipaa and will be given to you at your next health service appointment.



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Finding solutions through Clackamas County Resolution Services

High school is a difficult time of transition for most young adults. Dating, maintaining friendships, keeping up with an ever-demanding load of schoolwork, dealing with cliques, and potentially being bullied are just some of the issues youth deal with regularly.

Simple misunderstandings among students can quickly escalate into difficult situations with long-lasting effects. The Clackamas County Resolution Services Department — which offers prevention and intervention services including information and referral, counseling, mediation, education and training services to residents — set out more than a decade ago to remedy this. By developing the Peer Mediation program — through which local students are taught how to mediate others’ conflicts — the department has successfully empowered youth to facilitate hundreds of disputes among students, and sometimes teachers, in a positive way for all parties.

The process is straightforward. At the beginning of a school year, several students who show leadership abilities receive training or re-training on mediation techniques from the experienced and highly-skilled Resolution Services staff members.

These peer mediators then stand ready to assist as needed.

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

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

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

More often than not, though, it’s professional mediators who are the ones to play vital roles in conflict. For instance, it’s not uncommon to find mediation is needed in almost every workplace setting between coworkers, staff and management or with small groups experiencing conflict together.

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Did you know?

November is National Mediation Month.

For more information, go to www.clackamas.us/CCRS

Gerardo Ochoa, the director of Community Relations and Special assistant to the President at Linfield College, was the keynote speaker at the Northwest Public Employees Diversity Conference last month. Nearly 100 Clackamas County employees attended the conference and learned how to better incorporate, understand, and promote the values of equity, diversity and inclusion in future work.



Board to consider road project funding recommendations

The county’s new Community Road Fund Advisory Committee will present recommendations to the Board of Commissioners in November for a package of road construction projects. As of the time this is being written, the committee findings will be presented at a Board Policy Session on Nov. 12.

The projects will be funded by revenue from the \$30 per year countywide vehicle registration fee that goes into effect beginning with car registrations in January 2020. This will be the first ongoing source of local county road funding available in Clackamas County.

Revenue from the countywide fee will go into a new community road fund. The projected \$5 million per year of additional revenue will be spent, as promised, on needed congestion relief projects (\$3.5-4 million), safety improvement projects (\$500,000) and paving local roads (\$1 million).

The 15-member community advisory committee was formed this past summer to develop recommendations on which congestion relief road construction projects should be the first focus of the new revenue.

In the last few months the advisory committee has:

- Reviewed top priority congestion relief projects identified in the county’s Transportation System Plan (TSP)
- Reviewed and enhanced criteria to use to evaluate and prioritize the projects
- Learned about the top priority safety and local road paving projects
- Developed initial recommendations on which projects to fund with the Community Road Fund.

The committee’s November report to the Board will also include recommendations on safety projects (reviewed by the county’s Traffic Safety Commission) and paving projects (identified in the county’s pavement management system).

The committee will meet again in December to review decisions made by the board and plan its activities for 2020.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting and participate during the public comment portion of the agenda.

For more information, go to: www.clackamas.us/transportation/crf

Clear storm drains to protect your property and our water

Heavy rains and fall leaves can cause high water and increase pollutants reaching our streams and rivers. When it rains, water washes over roofs, streets, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and other surfaces. Along the way, it can pick up a variety of pollutants, such as oil, pesticides, metals, chemicals, and soil.

This polluted stormwater drains into the storm system that eventually discharges into our rivers and streams. These pollutants can endanger the quality of our waterways, making them unhealthy for people, fish, and wildlife. No matter where you live, there’s a drainage system in place to help rainwater find its way to the river.

Find a recycling location for leaves near you at: www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler

What is a storm drain?

The metal grates in the street that connect to piping that carries rain and snow-melt to nearby creeks, rivers, wetlands, or groundwater.

Regularly clearing your storm drains of leaves and debris helps reduce flooding and property damage while protecting river and stream health and the quality of our drinking water.

To protect your property from flooding:

- Find the storm drain grates in front of your home or business and clear them of leaves and debris.
- Use a rake or pitchfork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of it. Dispose of leaves in your yard waste container or compost bin. Or spread the leaves on your garden to protect and nourish perennials
- When leaves fall into the street, rake them at least one foot away from the curb so they won’t block the path of rain water. Please do not rake or blow leaves from your yard into the street.

What should be done with leaves on my property?

- You can collect leaves and compost them (and then use the compost as a soil amendment in your yard or garden), hire a landscaping service to remove them or drop off leaves and other yard debris for recycling.
- Clear leaves from catch basins
- Leaves covering catch basins can prevent proper water drainage, resulting in high water or flooding, and can also become slippery for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, causing safety concerns. By clearing catch basins, you are reducing risk to your home and providing an important public service.

Warming Center volunteers needed!

Every winter, the county opens overnight warming centers so people experiencing homelessness can escape the cold weather. We rely on the kindness of residents who want to help.

We train all volunteers and pair newcomers with seasoned volunteers during shifts.



Learn more and sign up at www.clackamas.us/homelessness

Daughter refers to Mohr as a 'quiet hero'

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"It is with great respect for Mr. Mohr's service to our country and community that we honor him and all veterans who serve to ensure our liberty with the opening of Clayton Mohr Commons," said Jill Smith, Director of Housing and Housing Services for the Clackamas County Health, Housing and Human Services Department. "We will now have a place where homeless veterans can come with their families and feel proud of the name of their residence."

Mohr's daughter, Tiffany Shireman, nominated her father – a man she refers to as a "quiet hero" -- for the naming of the project. When she told her dad that the new veterans housing would be named for him, she described the moment as quiet yet powerful. It was a testament to who Mohr is, Shireman said.

"When a local disabled veteran without immediate family passed away, Dad and another local veteran tirelessly cleaned out his apartment by moving furniture, cleaning out trash and trying to maintain the veteran's dignity even after his death," Shireman said. "His work is humble, often



Along with his family, Clayton Mohr (fifth from the left) met with the Board of County Commissioners Sept. 19 to have the name Clayton Mohr Commons officially designated.

thankless, selfless work."

During his service from 1966-1970, Mohr served as an aviation mechanic with a specialty in hydraulics. He worked on the aircraft carrier USS Hancock, in hangars and machine shops in Guam, the Philippines and Naval Air Station Lemoore in California. He was exposed to Agent Orange while serving on open sea ships off the shore of Vietnam and Cambodia during the Vietnam War.

After his service was completed, Mohr stayed active in the military community. In fact, he's held multiple roles in the Oregon City Chapter #4 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and currently serves as the Senior Vice Commander.

"His generosity to veterans and his commitment to

his fellow veterans is defined by his willingness to help wherever he's needed," Shireman said. "When a DAV chapter in the state needs assistance with a project, he makes himself available for everything from serving food to setting up for community events."

The Clayton Mohr Commons project was constructed by Northwest Housing Alternatives for the Housing Authority of Clackamas County using cost-efficient design and construction methods and creative financing outside of the traditional tax credit process.

More information at www.clackamas.us/housingauthority/clayton-mohr-commons or email the Clackamas County Housing Authority at hacc@clackamas.us.

'We're trying to impact the lives of people who have been involved in the criminal justice system for a long time.'

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to be, rather than as a moral failing or criminal enterprise," said Central City Concern LEAD Program Manager Erica Thygesen. "When individuals are offered an alternative to jail, they are more likely to be successful in making needed changes. Individuals and communities are safer and healthier when people have options for care and connection."

The county contracts with Central City Concern, whose case managers have lived experience. They assess the individuals and submit a report to a team made up of representatives from the county's Health, Housing, and Human Services Department,

Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's Office. If the committee finds they are eligible for the program, the case managers then become personal advocates for their clients, helping them access services including housing and health care.

"We're trying to impact the lives of people who have been involved in the criminal justice system for a long time. LEAD gives us the ability to take those folks off the street in a positive way," said Bill Stewart, Community Prosecutor with the DA's Office.

Since the pilot program began, 68 people have enrolled in the program. Of them, 27 identified shelter as a need. 22 of those people have had

their shelter needs met, and six people have secured permanent housing.

"LEAD is literally changing folk's lives," said Vahid Brown, Housing Policy Coordinator. "There are people that have repeatedly been through the criminal justice system and now they are inside an apartment, working on employment, and have connections with recovery and health resources. That's never going to happen for someone that is constantly being arrested for being in public and having an addiction issue."

The county plans to continue the pilot program, and hopes to expand to other areas of the county in the future.

Mediators listen and negotiate with both sides

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Without a mediator, negotiations between the two parties can reach an impasse, and potentially damage future relationships. Having skilled mediators to listen and negotiate with both sides can lead to an amicable solution.

Whether it's a dispute between neighbors, employees, people involved in a legal matter, or nearly any other circumstance where mediation is needed, Clackamas County's Resolution Services provides conflict resolution services. These services are offered to people and organizations experiencing conflict and those seeking resources so they can resolve their differences peacefully, develop skills for the resolution of future conflicts and build safe, healthy relationships and communities.

"When things get tough, there are resources here to help," said Lauren MacNeill, the county's Resolution Services Department Director.

For more information about Resolution Services, go to www.clackamas.us/ccrs or call 503-655-8415.

#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



F.O.G. Fats Oils Grease



Fight the F.O.G. Monster before it clogs the pipes!

If poured down the drain or into your garbage disposal, F.O.G. can build up over time by sticking to the sides of sewer pipes. This can cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or the wastewater system. By following a few simple steps, you can help prevent sewer backups:

- Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container. Toss it into your garbage.
- Soak up remaining F.O.G. with paper towels and place in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps into your compost or trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch food waste while washing dishes.

Learn more at www.clackamas.us/wes



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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 Hawkins responded to a call at our school last week and went above and beyond. He helped de-escalate the situation and was incredibly supportive to school staff.

He also reached out to Clackamas Behavioral Health to help those involved access additional resources.

SPRING MOUNTAIN
ELEMENTARY,
CLACKAMAS

Thanks to Patrol deputies in Damascus and east Clackamas County for their constant patrol presence during the night shift at a jobsite on Highway 212.

It's dangerous enough working at night, but to work at night in heavy traffic in a confined area is worse. So thanks — all of us appreciate you being there.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
EMPLOYEES WORKING
HIGHWAY 212

I can't even begin to thank Deputy Edwards enough. He took the time, effort and energy to help me get my husband's wheelchair van back....

This deputy changed my perception of police — I'm forever grateful for his pure willingness to help me out and do a little extra work.

PORTLAND

Take Our **READER SURVEY!**

We want to learn more about who's reading the Briefing Room! Have time for a quick online survey? Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/CS3JBSZ or point your smartphone camera at this QR code to take part!



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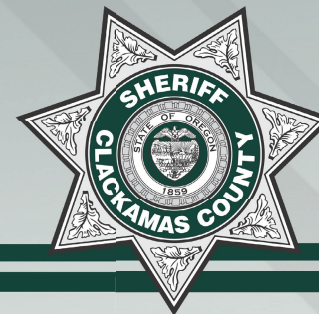
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Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

BRIEFING ROOM

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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

Working together to deter mass violence

Dear Clackamas County residents:

In the wake of recent active-shooter incidents, I want to talk about some of the work we're doing in Clackamas County and beyond to deter mass violence. Oregon law enforcement is far ahead of much of the country on this issue.

Since 2014, I have served as chair of the **Oregon Task Force on School Safety**, crafting recommendations for state lawmakers. In the course of our research, we've identified some key measures that help prevent acts of violence or self-harm.

'See Something, Say Something'

First and foremost, we encourage youth and adults that "if you see something, say something."

Experts in threat assessment use the term "leakage" to describe the ways crucial information can get out before a mass shooting. This can include social media posts or manifestos that hit the Internet before a planned act of violence, or statements the shooter makes to friends. The problem is that these indicators can be tough to spot ahead of time — or, tragically, statements by a mass killer may not be taken seriously by friends or those who overhear the statements.

There can also be warning signs when individuals consider self-harm or suicide. Subjects may disclose in advance that they're depressed or suicidal. If you become aware of concerns regarding self-harm, report it immediately. It could be that person's last reach-out for help before they decide to take their own life.



Sheriff Craig Roberts

SafeOregon and multiple tip platforms

The next important component is to make sure there are a number of platforms people can use to report concerns.

Teens and young adults are often reluctant to pick up the phone and call 911; they may prefer to report concerns via text, email, or web portal. That's why tipsters can report concerns confidentially to **SafeOregon** via voice or text (844-472-3367), email (tip@safeoregon.com), website (www.safeoregon.com), or mobile app (available on iTunes or Google Play).

Concerns about adults should be reported by contacting 911 or local law enforcement.

A team approach to reported concerns

Tips that come to SafeOregon are forwarded to local law enforcement and/or school admin-

istrators. The response varies depending on level of concern.

High-level concerns are addressed with a **multidisciplinary approach** — schools, mental health, local law enforcement and other community partners. Working together, a team of professionals from across several disciplines can come up with a plan to provide "wrap-around" services to intercede and prevent acts of violence.

These teams take warning signs seriously, investigate threats, and do much more than possibly avert crimes — they connect individuals with services that can have long-term benefits for the individuals and the public at large.

In many counties in Oregon, a multidisciplinary approach is also used for adult threat-assessment teams. A team working to intercede with an adult could incorporate personnel from parole and probation, mental health, and domestic violence units, including survivor advocates.

I've been meeting public- and private-sector professionals from around the Pacific Northwest as a member of the **Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)**. One of my biggest takeaways from ATAP training is understanding the value of recognizing, and taking seriously, the warning signs, and then reporting those warning signs to law enforcement or other authorities.

Please make the hard call — it could save a life.

Together, we are making a difference. It's an honor to serve you.

— Sheriff Craig Roberts



Sheriff's Office once again joins the #PinkPatchProject



We've once again joined law-enforcement agencies around the nation to participate in the "Pink Patch Project." It's part of a larger Sheriff's Office push to spark discussions during **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.

Throughout October, you may see Sheriff's Office deputies in the community wearing star and shoulder patches with embroidered pink stitching to promote breast cancer awareness. Sheriff Roberts has encouraged deputies to wear them throughout the month of October.

Non-uniformed employees are also wearing special pink pins modeled after ribbons and the Sheriff's Office shoulder patch.

Learn more about Breast Cancer Awareness Month — and ways you can help — at the American Cancer Society webpage (www.cancer.org) and the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month webpage (www.nationalbreastcancer.org).

Addiction Policy Forum salutes Transition Center

Addiction Policy Forum recently featured the **Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Transition Center** in its *Oregon Innovations to Address Addiction* report, which spotlights innovative programs that address addiction and provide support for families and communities.

On Sept. 10, the Addiction Policy Forum also presented the Transition Center team with its "Innovation Now" award.

According to Addiction Policy Forum founder **Jessica Hulsey**, "The Innovation Now Initiative recognizes revolutionary programs, such as Clackamas County Transition Center, that are transforming the response to addiction in Oregon and offering solutions during a time of crisis."

The Transition Center is the first facility of its kind in Oregon — and a major step

forward in reducing our jail population. It's an all-in-one location providing crucial services to people leaving jail or prison and to those at risk of returning. Its goal is to break patterns and change lives.

Clients can walk out of our jail upon release, cross the parking lot, and enter the Transition Center to get access to services including employment and housing assistance, peer mentors, cognitive therapy, mental-health and substance-abuse assessments, medication-assisted treatment referrals, hygiene items, GED courses, AA support meetings and much more.

Learn more about the Transition Center at www.clackamas.us/sheriff/transitioncenter.html.

Learn more about Addiction Policy Forum at www.addictionpolicy.org.



You'll find a link to the "Oregon Innovations to Address Addiction" report in our news feed at www.clackamas.us/sheriff/news

BACK TO SCHOOL 2019

Return of the Resource Officers

Our **School Resource Officers (SROs)** are deputies working in local schools, focused on fostering positive relationships with students. They protect students by working to resolve problems and create a safe learning environment. Meet the SRO class of 2019.



DEPUTY Russell
ESTACADA RANGERS

Deputy Russell takes time to connect with Estacada High students — including running football drills on the field. He played college and arena football, and helps out with EHS athletics today.

"I love this work because you can really have an impact just by being a positive influence in kids' lives." **DEPUTY RUSSELL**

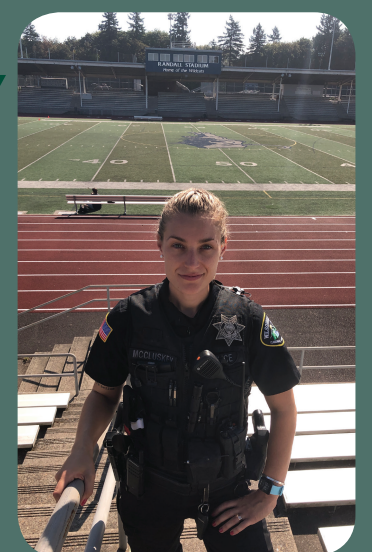


DEPUTY Teague
REX PUTNAM KINGSMEN

Returning SRO Deputy Teague meets the most interesting people at Putnam: Last school year, the Trail Blazers' Enes Kanter took time for a photo op.

DEPUTY McCluskey
WILSONVILLE WILDCATS

Deputy McCluskey is serving Wilsonville High in her first-ever year as a School Resource Officer.



DEPUTY Keen
CLACKAMAS CAVALIERS

Deputy Keen just started his sixth year as Clackamas High SRO. He looks forward to continuing to help students and serve a resource for the staff.