

## County improves access with new ballot boxes

Election Day is just a few days away! In fact, it's so close that if you are reading this newsletter and have yet to mail in your ballot, the Secretary of State recommends you drop it off at a drop box to ensure it is counted.

And when you drop off your ballot, you'll probably notice that the Clackamas County Clerk's office has installed new ballot boxes throughout the county during the last few months.

These new ballot boxes bring improvements in a number of areas, including:

- **Enhanced security:** The new boxes are specifically designed to secure vote-by-mail ballots. The overall design of the boxes guard deposited ballots from unauthorized access and potential damage from the elements.
- **Increased capacity:** Many of these new boxes double the capacity of the previous boxes.
- **Improved visibility:** Flag holders are attached to each box.
- **Improved accessibility:** The new boxes are designed to be ADA compliant and will be available to the public 24/7 during an election.

"Election security is of paramount importance to me," said Clackamas County Clerk Sherry Hall, who shepherded the changes. "Residents can rest assured that their ballots are going to be safe and counted."

Along with these new boxes, some locations have changed. Boxes were relocated because some were indoors (now all are outdoors, so residents have 24/7 access to them) and others weren't in convenient locations.

"The actions we've taken eliminate barriers to voting," Hall said. "Our boxes will be visible and accessible to all and, for many of our voters, the box will be a lot closer to them."



## Homeless veterans shelter village opens

On Sept. 13, Clackamas County Commissioners (from left to right: Chair Jim Bernard, Paul Savas, Sonya Fischer, Martha Schrader and Ken Humberston) realized a long-awaited goal that helps get more homeless veterans off the streets.

One of Clackamas County's most exciting projects came to fruition this fall.

On Sept. 13, county officials opened a transitional shelter community for veterans, a collection of 15 sleeping pods that will shelter homeless veterans. The project was a product of intense work and actions by not only commissioners and county staff, but dozens of partners – including nonprofits, charities, local governments and businesses.

Located in Clackamas and known for now as the Clackamas County Veterans Village (residents will work together to officially adopt a name), this collection of pods is unique. Each pod is designed for one resident, and provides a safe space to sleep and store personal items. The village also has shared kitchen and bathroom/shower facilities, as well as meeting spaces.

These meeting spaces are a key component of the site plan so residents can have onsite access to a number of important services, with the intent to help them become self-sufficient and eventually move into stable housing.



An opening ceremony for the village was held prior to residents moving in, providing an opportunity for the commissioners to give thanks to all those involved in this important project.

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- Leaves and flowers
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- Do not include:**
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  - x Household garbage
  - x Metal
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  - x Diapers
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  - x Oversized items
  - x Plastic

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## Krupp's Korner: Transitions

Dear Clackamas County residents:



In August, I informed Clackamas County Commissioners of my plans to retire at the end of January so I can spend more time with my wife, family and new grandchild.

It has been my great pleasure over the past five years to serve this Board of County Commissioners, our independently elected officials and the wonderful residents of Clackamas County.

As I prepare to transition to the next chapter of my life, upon reflection, I've realized that the major actions and initiatives of our staff and elected officials often go unnoticed. This is no one's fault, of course – we all lead busy lives and noteworthy items can simply get lost in the shuffle of the 24-hour news cycle.

I'd like to take this opportunity to revisit some of the successes the county has had over the past five years:

- Implemented Performance Clackamas, our county-wide results-oriented strategic plan that holds the county accountable to focus on priorities and goals important to the community.
- Created a Housing Affordability and Homelessness Task Force to research, recommend and support new policies and strategies aimed at addressing these issues.
- Worked closely with our legislators, cities and others to ensure that we have the funds we need to keep our roads safe and free-flowing. A transportation funding bill passed by the state legislature in 2017 was a significant step in the right direction. Now we're looking at options for providing local funding to meet local needs. See related article on Page 12.
- Consolidated operations of our sewer and surface water districts and broke ground on a third wastewater treatment digester at the Tri-City Facility. These will strengthen our ability to protect public health, the environment and future economic growth, while keeping rates low.
- Began working with the local community to develop two new libraries for the residents of Oak Grove and Gladstone.
- Completed the Clackamas County Veterans Village as highlighted in this edition of ClackCo Quarterly. See additional coverage on Pages 3 and 12.

- Collaborated on the Stafford Reserves with the community and adjacent cities to finalize urban and rural reserve areas in the county to secure areas for future growth and protect valuable farmland.
- Continued to upgrade and expand our county parks system. This includes marking the first full season of the Madrone Wall Park, and installing our park system's first electric wheelchair charging station at Barton Park.
- For the first time in the county's history, the rating on the county's outstanding General Obligation Bonds and Full Faith and Credit Obligations was upgraded to Aaa, the highest possible rating assigned to an issuer's bonds by municipal credit rating agencies. This rating demonstrates an exceptional degree of creditworthiness because the issuer can readily meet its financial commitments.

I'd like to personally thank and praise the tremendous staff of Clackamas County. More than 2,000 full-time and part-time dedicated employees strive to provide the public with the best services possible. It has been my pleasure and a career highlight to work with such a committed, innovative and professional group of professionals.

The county staff that serves you every day are the ones who collectively came up with our Core Values, six guiding principles that guide us in our everyday work: Service, Professionalism, Integrity, Respect, Individual Accountability and Trust. That's the SPIRIT of Clackamas County that will live on for years to come.

And I'd also like to mention the residents of Clackamas County, who I've had the pleasure of working closely with on a number of key initiatives. You are what makes our county such a special place to live and work. To all of you I say thank you for allowing me to play a small part in improving your experience in Clackamas County. This beautiful land and its people will always hold a special place in my heart.

Sincerely,

Don Krupp  
Clackamas County Administrator

## Tax court rules Happy Valley no longer part of NCPRD

In September, the Oregon Tax Court ruled the Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR) exceeded its authority in rescinding approval of a boundary change sought by the City of Happy Valley during its attempt to withdraw from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD).

The immediate operational effect of the ruling means that NCPRD will continue to own parks within Happy Valley but cannot collect the revenue needed to pay for operations or maintenance.

Revenue from the property tax collected within Happy Valley accounted for approximately \$1.45 million for NCPRD to maintain parks in 2017.

The decision invalidates a DOR decision in June rescinding the boundary approval, and reinstates the DOR's March approval of the boundary change. DOR had asserted Happy Valley failed to follow appropriate state law with its withdrawal.

"We are surprised by this ruling and we are assessing its effects, including making a decision on how or whether we will manage our assets within Happy Valley, given that we will no longer have a funding source," said Clackamas County Chair Jim Bernard.

## Public meeting on Canby Ferry Alternatives Feasibility Study set for Jan. 15

The Canby Ferry has been crossing the Willamette River north of Canby for over 100 years. However, it is not able to run at night, when the river level rises above 70 feet and during inclement weather; only carries six cars; costs \$5/vehicle one way and costs \$400,00-500,000 more to operate annually than it receives in fare revenue.

Because of the travel limitations and drain on the road fund, the county has been studying the feasibility of ferry alternatives. The analysis includes estimated financial costs, traffic impacts and other issues related to whether to build a bridge or a toll bridge, and whether to continue to operate the Ferry.

The public is invited to attend a meeting to learn about and comment on the study results.

**6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 15**  
**Canby Foursquare Church**  
**2350 SE Territorial Road, Canby**

The findings will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in late January. The Board will hold a forum in February to take public comment, and meet later in February to decide whether to request more information, move forward with an option or take no further action. Any additional action would involve extensive study and public outreach.

For more information, check [www.bit.ly/canbyferryoptions](http://www.bit.ly/canbyferryoptions) or contact Project Manager Stephen Williams at [swilliams@clackamas.us](mailto:swilliams@clackamas.us).

Clackamas County is committed to providing meaningful access and will make reasonable accommodations, modifications, or provide translation, interpretation or other services upon request. Please contact us at least three business days before the meeting at 503-742-4696 or email [swilliams@clackamas.us](mailto:swilliams@clackamas.us).

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Martha Schrader



# Commissioners celebrate opening of Veterans Village

In mid-September, Clackamas County Commissioners hosted an opening event for the veterans village, a transitional shelter community that brings homeless veterans off the streets and provides roofs over their heads, shared spaces, a new community, and access to services. For more on the village itself, see the front-page story.

Each commissioner spoke at this moving event that brought together dozens of partners involved in the project. The following passages are either pieced together from commissioners’ remarks at the event (statements edited for clarity) or were provided after.



Residents of the Clackamas County Veterans Village began moving into the transitional shelter in early October.

## 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. Sign up for email updates at [www.clackamas.us/constantcontact.html](http://www.clackamas.us/constantcontact.html). The form allows you to select topics of interest to you.

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 committees through County Commission appointment. For a full list of advisory board and commission openings, visit [www.bit.ly/ClackCoInv](http://www.bit.ly/ClackCoInv).



Commissioners (from left to right) Martha Schrader, Paul Savas, County Administrator Don Krupp, Chair Jim Bernard, Ken Humberston and Sonya Fischer spoke to a crowd at the Sept. 13 opening of the Clackamas County Veterans Village.



Commission Chair  
Jim Bernard

### Village built according to land use laws, codes

Two years ago, a seed was planted about a veterans village and today it is a reality. What makes it unique is that it was planned and built according to prevailing land use law and code. It took a little bit longer but was well worth the wait. It is a place where our veterans can store their belongings, shower, prepare a meal, have an address, and transition their lives. They will have access to services to receive the help they need and the benefits they have earned. It is a place where they can transition their lives and, thanks to additional vouchers, will provide further opportunity to gain access to permanent housing. Thank you to everyone who made this project a reality.



Commissioner  
Sonya Fischer

### All of us working together

One thing I want to remind everyone of – this village is a transitional village. So that means the work begins now. We have provided a place for veterans to come to gather, to connect with each other and the community, to connect with what’s next for them. And that’s going to take all of us working together to make sure that we provide the foundation here to launch the next journey for these veterans.



Commissioner  
Ken Humberston

### A 'particularly poignant moment'

For me, this is a particularly poignant moment. As a veteran myself, I’m one of the lucky ones. I’m not living on the street; I’m not homeless; I’m not hungry. I’m healthy and I have a wonderful job with wonderful colleagues. So to have them step up and make this happen for those who are not as lucky means a great deal to me personally. Sheltering those who have served their country demonstrates our values of service and respect.



Commissioner  
Paul Savas

### It's our mission to help veterans

It was veterans themselves who inspired this project. They brought forward to us the need for transitional shelter and this approach. Veterans are continuing their involvement in this effort by providing food, clothing, services and other means to secure a better future for their fellow comrades. The veterans that have served our country and fought for our freedom should be able to come home and have the opportunity to succeed. This transitional shelter facility will provide each veteran with an interim mailing address, required contact information, a veteran service officer and advocate, and access to health and medical services. It’s our mission to help veterans transition into permanent, quality housing as soon as possible.



Commissioner  
Martha Schrader

### A 'remarkable project'

This was a remarkable project because it really was a model for interdisciplinary work. To plan this village, to get this to happen, we had contributions from many county departments who previously never had an opportunity to work together on the same county project. And the good news is this is just the start. With this as the model, we will not only continue this work for our veterans with housing, but with others who can bring these kinds of projects to fruition.



# Are you recycling right?

Personalized feedback at the curb produces positive results



The list of what can and cannot be recycled at home and work in Clackamas County has not changed in years. Yet for many of us, it is a struggle to recycle only the right materials. Wouldn't it be nice to get direct feedback on what does and does not belong?

In April and May, Clackamas County piloted the Recycle Right project to give personalized recycling guidance to over 3,700 households in 14 neighborhoods who were notified in advance. Recycling carts containing items that belong in the garbage received an 'Oops' tag identifying the wrong item, while carts containing only accepted materials received a 'Nice Job' tag with a gold star. Both tags included a recycle guide, as well as a list of common mistakes. The purpose of the tags was to help residents recycle right in the future.

And they did. During the first week, only 37 percent of homes across all neighborhoods received a 'Nice Job' tag. By the sixth and final week of the study, that number had risen to 54 percent. The most common items people mistakenly recycled included plastic bags, paper towels, to-go cups for hot and

cold drinks, and plastic 'clamshell' containers (think of the containers used for berries and many to-go containers from grocery stores and restaurants that open like a clam). None of these items belong in curbside recycling.

Each week during the project, teams of two checked the recycling early in the morning ahead of the recycling truck. Most neighbors were curious about the project, asked questions and expressed a desire to recycle better the next week. One data collector, Travis McGee, found himself answering questions from curious parents as they waited for the school bus. "One woman told us her son was so excited about receiving a Gold Star that he took the tag to school for show-and-tell."

Others faced some frustration. "Some people had trouble discerning which items resulted in an 'Oops' tag notice, or were frustrated by getting an 'Oops' tag when they were trying to recycle correctly," said Rachel Zarfaz, another data collector. "However, the majority of people we talked to were appreciative of the educational moment."

County staff will use the lessons learned during this pilot project to inform future cart tagging efforts.

"Getting only the right material into our recycling system has taken on a heightened importance, because China and other countries that have historically accepted our recyclables have placed new restrictions on what they'll accept," said Eben Polk, supervisor of the Clackamas County Sustainability & Solid Waste Program. "We are asking all residents and workplaces to do their part and be as conscientious as possible."

Many people who participated in this pilot project thought they were recycling correctly and learned otherwise. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to compare the items you're putting in your recycling with our Recycle Guide at [www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleguide.html](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleguide.html).

For more information and a video on the Recycle Right project, visit [www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleright.html](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/recycleright.html).



## Oregon City elementary school wins plastic recycling challenge



Do you notice the amount of plastic you use in your life? Especially plastics like grocery bags, kitchen wrap, dry cleaning bags or the overwrap on items like toilet paper? All that thin, stretchy plastic is called "film" in the recycling industry.

Each year schools around the country participate in the Trex School Challenge by collecting plastic film for recycling. The challenge runs from America Recycles Day on Nov. 15 through Earth Day on April 22. Last year, John McLoughlin Elementary in Oregon City collected over 2,275 pounds of plastic film — more than any other school in Oregon, and placed second in the nation! John McLoughlin's achievement in recycling won the school a bench made out of Trex decking material.

### How did they do it?

It all started with the leadership of the head custodian, Dan Johnson. Dan noticed that many of the supplies he ordered came wrapped in plastic film. After learning about the Trex School Challenge, Dan decided to collect the film plastic from the school kitchen and from products he ordered. He saw how quickly it added up, and decided to expand collection to the whole school.

The school's green team of students and staff sprang into action to help with the plastic film recycling challenge. They placed plastic collection containers in each group of classrooms, encouraged families to collect materials at home, and gathered clean sandwich bags from lunch to recycle. Each week, they collected enough plastic to fill two cars. After weighing the material, green team leader Terry Ahlgrim brought the plastic film to Safeway and Fred Meyer for recycling.

To see how your school can get involved in this program, read the instructions to the right.

And remember, plastic bags and wrap do not belong in your recycle bin at home or work. To recycle them, find a participating retailer near you at [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org).

## Will your school take the challenge?

It's that time of year again for schools to try and collect the most plastic film (bread bags, sandwich bags and more) for a chance to win a bench!

- 1. Get started:** Interested schools should contact Laurel Bates ([lbates@clackamas.us](mailto:lbates@clackamas.us), 503-742-4454) for assistance and to get started.
- 2. Collect material:** Identify locations in your school where students, staff and families can bring their plastic film. The school that collects the most wins!
- 3. Weigh the bags:** A school volunteer weighs and keeps records of the amount of material collected each month. We have scales to help you weigh.
- 4. Drop it off:** A school volunteer takes the collected plastic to Safeway, Fred Meyer, Albertsons or other participating retailers.

**What you can recycle:** Clean and dry plastic grocery bags, packaging wrap, dry cleaning bags, sandwich bags, bread bags, produce bags, ice bags and bubble wrap. See our plastic film recycling flyer in English and Spanish at [www.bit.ly/recycleyourfilm](http://www.bit.ly/recycleyourfilm).

**Participating schools receive:** Three recycling bins, a poster, magnets for each student and a participation award. The winning school will receive a Trex bench made from recycled plastic bags!



# Solving business challenges by going green



Dave's Killer Bread receives Gold level Leaders in Sustainability certification.

Workplaces across Clackamas County are demonstrating the value of adopting sustainable practices to their employees and customers by becoming certified Leaders in Sustainability.

In 2018, many local organizations went above and beyond to operate more efficiently, minimize waste and give back to their community — all while earning recognition for their efforts.

Each of the following organizations makes use of tried-and-true green practices as well as their own creative approaches to make sustainability work for them. Congratulations to all of our leaders of sustainability!

## Newly certified leaders in 2018

**Dave's Killer Bread, Milwaukie (Gold)** is saving over \$800 a month in garbage costs after modifying their recycling system and updating their standard operating procedures. Their green team meets regularly to identify sustainable opportunities. They routinely donate surplus bread to local food rescue agencies.

**Elevate Wealth Advisors, Oregon City (Silver)** made it easier for their clients and staff to use less paper through paperless options and double-sided printing. Around their new office space they make use of LED lighting, green cleaners, reusable dishware, and printer paper made with recycled content.

**FCS Group, Lake Oswego (Gold)** now recycles or composts over 90 percent of their office waste. They've switched to centralized garbage and recycling containers that help make staff more aware of the waste they generate, use durable dishware, compost food scraps, and recycle items beyond the basics.

**Hoptown Handles, Unincorporated Milwaukie (Gold)** designs and manufactures their tap handles with durability in mind, using sustainably harvested wood and water-based finishes. They also reuse scrap materials and replant trees.

**Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest, Milwaukie (Gold)** participates in sustainability challenges, such as the Bike Commute Challenge and EcoChallenge, provides their employees with an alternative transportation incentive, and has a formal environmental justice committee to guide their efforts. They have also been named Oregon Best's 100 Best Green Workplace since 2010.

**OECO, Milwaukie (Silver)** is upgrading industrial equipment and lighting to be more energy efficient, uses green cleaners, moved to paperless payroll for over 400+ employees, and shares recycling and sustainability information during all-staff meetings.


## Recently recertified leaders in 2018

- Danielsons Properties, Oregon City (Gold)
- Lake Oswego United Church of Christ, Lake Oswego (Gold)
- Lush Cosmetics, Clackamas (Silver)
- Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, Oregon City (Gold)
- Sandy Community Action Center, Sandy (Silver)

## Want to be certified?

We can help you develop a customized plan to achieve certification. Contact a sustainability advisor at 503-742-4458 or [lis@clackamas.us](mailto:lis@clackamas.us) to get started.

## Make your workplace a certified Leader in Sustainability

 If your organization does most of the environmental practices below, then you could be ready for certification! We can help you make it official.

- ☐ 1. 30% recycled-content paper
- ☐ 2. Annual employee training
- ☐ 3. Certified green cleaners
- ☐ 4. Clearly labeled recycling
- ☐ 5. Energy saving settings on computers and printers
- ☐ 6. Leadership support
- ☐ 7. Leak-free and low-flow faucets
- ☐ 8. Marked storm drains
- ☐ 9. Programmable thermostats
- ☐ 10. Proper disposal of hazardous waste, including electronics and fluorescent lamps

## We're here to help you reach your sustainability goals

Our advisors are available to help your organization adopt sustainable practices at any level. Contact us today to get started at 503-742-4458 or [lis@clackamas.us](mailto:lis@clackamas.us).

To see other business successes, check out the Green Business Directory at [www.bit.ly/certifiedlis](http://www.bit.ly/certifiedlis).

## Inclement weather reminder

Garbage and recycling service can be disrupted by bad weather

Contact your garbage company directly to see if your collection has been postponed due to unsafe road conditions.

Please note in situations where garbage, recycling and yard debris collections are all postponed, priority will be given to the collection of garbage.

To find contact information for your area's garbage service and for more on our inclement weather policy, go to [www.clackamas.us/recycling/garbage.html](http://www.clackamas.us/recycling/garbage.html).



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# 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](http://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** (503-668-8885) 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](http://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](http://www.nwvrestore.org)
- **Red White & Blue Donation Center, Gladstone**  
503-655-3444 | [www.redwhiteandbluethriftstore.com](http://www.redwhiteandbluethriftstore.com)
- **Deseret Industries, Happy Valley**  
503-777-3895 | [www.deseretindustries.org](http://www.deseretindustries.org)
- **Community Warehouse, Tualatin**  
503-235-8786 | [www.communitywarehouse.org](http://www.communitywarehouse.org)



## Plastic Bags, Film and Wrap

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

For a list of participating grocery stores and a full list of which types of plastic film are accepted for recycling, visit [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://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 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



## Yard Debris

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

**West Linn Dan Davis Recycling Center** (operated by Recology)  
4001 Willamette Falls Drive, West Linn  
503-655-1928

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

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

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



## Notice: Rigid Plastics Change

Due to weak plastics pricing, recycling depots have suspended accepting bulky and rigid plastics. **These plastics belong in the garbage.**

Bulky and rigid plastics include lawn furniture, crates and storage bins, take-out trays, containers, cups, etc.

Limit plastics going to the landfill by remembering to use reusable containers whenever possible. Bring your own containers to the store.





# 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

- Instructions:**
- Ignore numbers on containers; they indicate plastic resin type, not recyclability
  - Empty and rinse containers
- Bottles, jugs and tubs (six ounces or larger)
- Nursery pots (larger than four inches)
- Buckets (five gallons or less)



## METAL

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



# 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

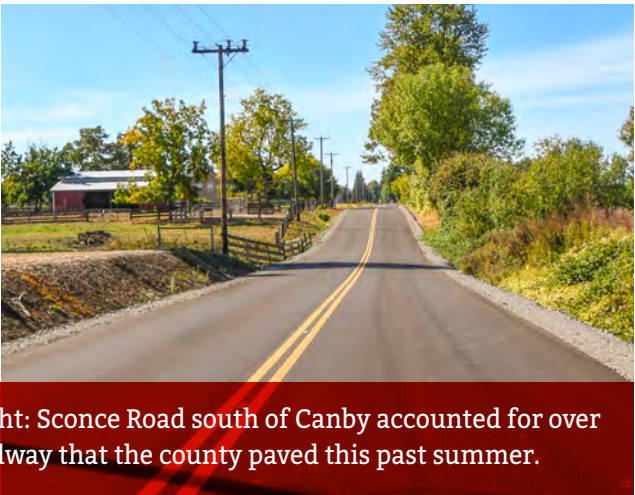
# In your Garbage Container

- 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, rigid plastics, Styrofoam packaging, carpet, textiles, food scraps, containers labeled "compostable," pet waste and diapers. \*You can return plastic bags to many local grocery stores.





Before and after, left to right: Sconce Road south of Canby accounted for over four of the 20 miles of roadway that the county paved this past summer.

# A productive season for road maintenance

The Transportation Maintenance Division works diligently to keep the county's 1,400 miles of roads safe and travelers moving smoothly.

This past spring and summer were extremely productive, thanks to strategic planning and favorable weather conditions.

Our team completed the following projects from June through September:

- paved over 20 miles of roadway in unincorporated areas around Canby, Molalla and Oregon City
- improved erosion control as part of five bridge repair (scour) projects, including Amisigger Road Bridge, Baker's Ferry Road Bridge, Buckner Creek Road Bridge, Kuehn Road Bridge and Wilsonville Road Bridge. Watch our bridge scour video to learn more at [www.bit.ly/bridgescour](http://www.bit.ly/bridgescour).
- striped over 1,500 miles of yellow centerline and white fog lines
- swept over 360 miles of urban and rural roads
- cut trees and vegetation along 32 miles of roadway
- mowed over 340 miles of vegetation along shoulders
- used 234 tons of asphalt to fill potholes

Division Manager Randy Harmon said, "We've had a very productive year. We took advantage of the dry

weather and fit as many projects as we could into our limited window of opportunity."

Next year's pavement preservation and bridge repair projects have been in the planning stages for months, with over 18 miles of road paving and up to six bridge scour projects planned for 2019. The season will include routine maintenance including striping, sweeping and vegetation removal, and repairs to culverts and storm sewers, shoulders, ditches, guardrails, traffic signs and signals throughout the county. Transportation Maintenance also takes care of 180 bridges, operates the Canby Ferry and coordinates the Adopt-A-Road program.

To see more of what Transportation Maintenance does all year long and to watch our Meet the Expert video series, visit [www.clackamas.us/roads](http://www.clackamas.us/roads).



# Plan ahead for winter weather conditions



If you plan well, you'll likely be prepared for most winter weather situations. We offer the following safety tips to prepare for winter roads:

- Visit your mechanic before winter weather sets in for a tune-up and other routine maintenance
- Make sure your windshield wipers work; replace worn blades if needed
- Keep your gas tank close to full
- Carry tire chains and know how to use them
- Create an emergency kit with nonperishable food, water, warm clothes and blankets, road flares, flashlight, first aid kit, jumper cables, sand, etc.

Transportation Maintenance Safety Coordinator Dave Dixon reminds travelers to be cautious when winter storms are expected, "Our top priority is always safety. We ask the traveling public to wait it out and stay off the road if possible. If travel is a

necessity please do so with care, be alert and drive to the road and weather conditions."

If you must drive during a winter storm, follow these safe driving tips:

- Know before you go! Visit [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) (Oregon Department of Transportation) for real-time updates on road and weather condition
- Give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination safely; alert someone of your travels
- Keep a close watch for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Drive to weather conditions, not speed limits
- Check your car's brakes, tire pressure and tread, and 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

For more information on driving safely this winter, visit [www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips](http://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips).

For infomation on the county's winter weather response efforts, visit [www.bit.ly/winterroadresponse](http://www.bit.ly/winterroadresponse).

If you see safety concerns on our roads this winter, please let us know online at [www.bit.ly/roadconcern](http://www.bit.ly/roadconcern), by phone at 503-557-6391 or by email at [RoadConcerns@clackamas.us](mailto:RoadConcerns@clackamas.us). Thanks!

# We need your help to clear leaf piles this fall!

Did you know property owners in unincorporated areas of the county are responsible for disposing of leaf piles on the road?

Read the frequently asked questions below for what you need to know.

**What should I do with my leaves?** You can collect the leaves and compost them on your property (and then use the compost as a soil amendment in your yard), hire a landscaping service to remove them or drop off leaves and other yard debris for recycling. Find a recycling location for leaves near you at [www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler).

**Why can't the leaves stay on the road in front of my property?** Leaves cover catch basins that can prevent proper 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.

**Why doesn't the county do leaf collection?** The county sweeps up leaves that naturally fall onto the road to ensure the safety of the traveling public. We don't have the budget or the resources to pick up piles of leaves from homeowners' yards that might be moved to the roadway.

Thank you for your cooperation! If you have further questions, contact Travis Wootan at 503-557-6368 or [twootan@clackamas.us](mailto:twootan@clackamas.us).

## Reporting helps keep our roads safe

If you see road concerns such as:

- Stop signs that are down or missing
- Malfunctioning traffic signals
- Traffic obstructions such as trees, debris or material, standing water, or dead deer or elk blocking traffic flow on the roadway
- Potholes or sink holes imposing significant traffic hazards

**Please report them through:**

- **Website:** [www.bit.ly/roadconcern](http://www.bit.ly/roadconcern)
- **Phone:** 503-557-6391
- **Email:** [RoadConcerns@clackamas.us](mailto:RoadConcerns@clackamas.us)



# Canby Ferry winter hours reminder

The Canby Ferry hours of operation will move into winter status this month. The ferry will run from 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. starting Nov. 4, 2018 through March 9, 2019. Stay informed and sign up for email updates at [www.bit.ly/canbyferry](http://www.bit.ly/canbyferry).



# Meet our newest team member!

Dr. Melissa A. Adams joined staff as our new veterinarian in May 2017. Dr. Adams is responsible for the medical needs of the lost, stray and surrendered dogs that arrive at our county shelter in need of care.

Dr. Adams has practiced veterinary medicine since 2007 and has a strong interest in preventive medicine and surgery.

She enjoys being a part of the community as she visits schools as a judge of library-sponsored pet shows and loves seeing the excitement veterinary medicine instills in youth. During her spare time Dr. Adams enjoys traveling, spending time with



Dr. Adams and her dog Gus enjoying the outdoors.

loved ones, tending to her ‘herd’ of dogs, horses and cats, seeking out new eateries and getting outdoors as much as she can.

Here's a little more about our newest team member in her own words.

### After six months on the job, how’s it going?

I think we are doing beautifully so far. I’m very thankful to each of the staff for their continued support. It has been lovely being part of the team and I look forward to the months and years ahead!

### Where did you get your passion to work with animals?

From the animals themselves ... For anyone who has been fortunate enough to be the human to a dog, cat, horse, etc., it does not take long to recognize their depth of intellect and loyalty.

I am thankful to my parents for being so supportive in my quest to work with animals and for nurturing me toward veterinary medicine since my youth. Not many fathers would be 110 percent on board when their daughter approaches them

with the news that they won a llama in a raffle — it was quite the husbandry lesson for us!

### How is treating shelter animals different than treating owned animals?

I am thankful that we can be the direct ‘voice’ of those in the shelter for medical needs.

Shelter animals often come in exhibiting definite signs of neglect or have pressing medical needs that have been unaddressed for some time ranging from severe skin ailments, and flea infestations to dental infections, etc. We’re able to quickly take the appropriate steps to address their needs and get them on a much better path. The other major challenge is that we typically don’t have any medical history to go on for the dogs coming in, so we end up feeling like we are on an investigation of sorts!

### Do you have any animals of your own?

I am currently 'under training' by three dogs (a husky-shepherd mix, ‘Suki’, a beagle-terrier mix, ‘Lily’, and a four-month-old Labradoodle rescue by the name of ‘Gus’) and two older mares in their retirement phase.

## Common questions about support animals



We frequently receive questions about laws and requirements for service, emotional support and therapy animals. Although Dog Services does not have authority to verify a dog’s assistance status and can’t recommend a place to train your service or therapy dog, we can help clarify the differences between different types of support animals. Please note that this article is not intended as legal advice.

### Service Animals

A service animal is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as an animal that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the animal must be directly related to the person’s disability.

Similarly, Oregon law defines an assistance animal as a dog or other animal that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a disabled individual.

- Service animals are working animals. There is no certification needed to confirm an animal is a service animal.
- Tasks a service animal can provide include guiding a blind person, pushing a wheelchair, alerting to low heart rate or blood sugar and many others.
- Service animals must be allowed to accompany their handlers in public places including hotels, grocery stores, restaurants and hospital rooms.
- Visual identification of a service dog, such as a vest or harness, is not required.
- Dogs and miniature horses are the only animals considered service animals in Oregon.
- Any breed of dog may be a service animal.

Visit [www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.pdf) for more information on service animals.

### Emotional Support Animal (ESA)

An Emotional Support Animal is defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) as an animal of any species, the use of which is supported by a qualified physician, psychiatrist or other mental health professional based on a disability-related need.

- An ESA provides companionship and emotional support for people diagnosed with a psychological disorder. No specific training is required for an ESA since their primary role is to provide comfort.
- Emotional Support Animals are not covered by ADA.
- Emotional Support Animals are not required to be allowed in public accommodations, but are allowed access to housing (Fair Housing Act) and airplanes (Air Carrier Access Act).
- Any breed of dog may be an emotional support animal.

### Therapy Animals

Therapy animals are defined by the AVMA as a type of animal-assisted and goal-directed intervention where the animal meets specific criteria and is an integral part of the treatment process.

- Therapy animals are often trained to provide comfort to those in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, disaster areas and more.
- Training is not required for therapy animals, but is encouraged.

In Clackamas County, the following guidelines apply to all support animals:

- Any service, emotional support or therapy dog must be licensed.
- Dogs defined as assistance animals or assistance animal trainees are eligible for free licensing in Clackamas County.
- Any service, emotional support or therapy dog needs to be under control. This means the dog is housebroken, does not bite when unprovoked, does not repeatedly bark in quiet places and remains under immediate control (either with leash or voice command). Persons with dogs that are not under control can be asked to leave the premises.

Visit [www.bit.ly/2pgGNgA](http://www.bit.ly/2pgGNgA) for more about emotional support and therapy animals.



### 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](http://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](mailto:dogcontrol@clackamas.us)

**Adopt. License. Donate.**



## Take the lead, tag your pup!





Purchase or renew your county dog license at [www.clackamas.us/dogs](http://www.clackamas.us/dogs)





## Local firefighter Damon Faust honored by commissioners

In September, Clackamas County Commissioners honored Estacada volunteer firefighter Damon Faust.

The American Legion had already celebrated Faust as its National Firefighter of the Year. That award is bestowed upon a firefighter who “has exceeded the requirements expected of his or her position and has shown a distinct pattern of community service and professional achievement.”

Faust has a long and impressive record of service to his community and country.

Faust served:

- The U.S. Army, where he was awarded the Soldier’s Medal for Heroism for life-saving actions in Iraq.
- The disaster relief organization Team Rubicon, assisting communities affected by natural disasters, including Hurricane Sandy, the Oso Mudslide in Washington state and the Moore tornado in Oklahoma.
- The group Hero Client Rescue, where he



This was a primary reason Faust was selected for the award.

trained emergency medical technicians in Haiti in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

In Estacada, Faust focuses on the district’s Veteran to Firefighter program, which connects post-service veterans with the fire agency.

## County to give more than \$1 million annually to support affordable housing

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners has established the Affordable Housing and Services Fund – an annually renewing \$1.2 million fund meant to better respond to the affordable housing crisis in our community.

This fund will allow affordable housing and service providers to get much-needed programs off the ground, develop additional capacity and year-to-year continuity for essential affordable housing programs.

In establishing this breakthrough fund that will be distributed through grants, the county hopes affordable housing and service providers will be able to kickstart creative, new solutions for the county’s most vulnerable community members.

Learn more or apply at [www.clackamas.us/homelessness/servicesfund.html](http://www.clackamas.us/homelessness/servicesfund.html)

## New funding assistance provides affordable housing for the disabled

Clackamas County will receive nearly \$330,000 to help residents with disabilities access affordable housing and supportive services. The funding as part of a Sept. 4 announcement by Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden of more than \$2.7 million across the state.

Clackamas County’s Health, Housing and Human Services Department Director Richard Swift said, “Because the rental market is so tight in our region, this incredible award will complement existing services and support our most vulnerable residents in need of housing.”

These new funds, in the form of vouchers, will enable 41 non-elderly people with disabilities to live independently.

The Housing Authority of Clackamas County was also awarded \$280,000 in Veterans Administration Supportive Housing vouchers, which will provide 30 veterans with direct support and housing assistance.

“We are thrilled for our community. It’s been more than 10 years since the last increase in vouchers,” said Toni Karter, the county’s Housing Authority Housing Services Manager. “This is government money going to private property owners that will boost the local economy while serving our disabled and houseless neighbors in need.”



## WES breaks ground on expansion project

Pictured from left to right: Clackamas County Commission Chair Jim Bernard, Commissioner Paul Savas, WES Capital Program Manager Lynne Chicoine, James W. Fowler Group's David Sampson, WES Director Greg Geist, Jacobs Engineering's Brian Gomolski, Commissioner Sonya Fischer, Commissioner Martha Schrader, WES Advisory Committee Vice Chair Greg DiLoreto and Commisioner Ken Humberston.

Water Environment Services (WES) held a groundbreaking ceremony for a third wastewater treatment digester at the Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility in Oregon City on Sept. 17. All five County Commissioners and representatives from partner cities attended the ceremony.

The digester is a 1.4 million-gallon tank-like structure. Along with associated infrastructure, the new digester will expand the facility’s capacity to treat solids, which is a byproduct of waste from more than 165,000 homes and

businesses in northern Clackamas County.

Construction of the new digester is expected to be completed by early 2021.

WES cleans more than six billion gallons of wastewater every year before releasing it into the Willamette River.

The WES urban service area includes Gladstone, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City, West Linn and communities in unincorporated Clackamas County.

## County, partners work together to help keep schools safe

School safety is an issue on the minds of many parents and students. With school shootings being all too common and alarming rates of suicide and self-harm among young people, many are looking for solutions.

In Clackamas County, leaders from various agencies including law enforcement, social services and schools have come together to address student safety through an innovative program that is changing lives.

“The Clackamas School Safety and Prevention System is a proven method of early intervention that can help prevent escalation of unhealthy behaviors in our schools,” said Christina McMahan, director of the Clackamas County Juvenile Dept. “We are proud of the coalition we helped build, and we will do what we can to support youth and their families by supporting access to the resources they need.”

The Clackamas School Safety and Prevention System, modeled after a nationally-recognized program in the Salem-Keizer School District, helps identify and provide services to students who may be at risk of possible violence against others. The

intended outcome is to prevent and defuse safety threats before an incident occurs.

“We need to help students who may be struggling by providing access to critical mental health services and care, before it is too late” said Sheriff Craig Roberts. “This program is really a safety net to help schools help students get the services they need to thrive. I’m proud to work alongside our

county partners to bring this exceptional program to Clackamas County. I believe it can save lives.”

Eight Clackamas County school districts, along

with a growing number of independent schools and over 15 government and nonprofit agencies are participating in the program, greatly expanding its scope and potential effectiveness.

“One of the things that we are seeing in education are mental health issues that we have not traditionally had to address and they are woven into these situations,” said Joel Dunn, assistant principal at Clackamas High School.

### Need more info?

Email Spencer Delbridge at [sdelbridge@clackamas.us](mailto:sdelbridge@clackamas.us)

Please see SAFETY on page 11



# Stay safe with #ClackCo Public Alerts

Clackamas County recently upgraded its emergency notification software system to communicate with residents during times of disaster.

By providing contact information, county residents can opt-in to receive critical emergency messaging via email, phone call, and text during times of disasters. Important messages that could be relayed include notices to evacuate, to shelter-in-place, shelter locations, and other critical information.

“This new system – #ClackCo Public Alerts – will allow us to use Wireless Emergency Alerts and integrate the Emergency Alert System for critical life safety messages,” said Disaster Management Director Nancy Bush.

**For more,  
go to:**  
[www.clackamas.us/  
publicalerts](http://www.clackamas.us/publicalerts)

The county will not use any registered #ClackCo Public Alerts contact information for anything other than these emergency notifications.

Previously, residents of Lake Oswego and Milwaukie signed up for emergency notifications from their city’s respective emergency departments. Those cities have now partnered with Clackamas County.

#ClackCo Public Alerts is part of the larger Public Alerts coordination website ([www.publicalerts.org](http://www.publicalerts.org)), which is used throughout the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area to provide public safety, road, weather and other urgent information.

The county’s Disaster Management Department uses a countywide approach to minimize the impact of natural and human-caused incidents. Department staff identify hazards, develop emergency and mitigation plans, coordinate response activities and train incident personnel. More information can be found at [www.clackamas.us/dm](http://www.clackamas.us/dm).

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Assessment teams include expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration and law enforcement to evaluate and manage potential threats to school safety.

“It’s the schools who are driving our development as a school safety and prevention program, working together with area partners to match resources with the root causes of crisis behavior,” said Spencer Delbridge, CSTAP Program Coordinator. Communication is essential to the overall effectiveness of the program. Students identified as being at possible risk are provided resources and recommendations from the team. Worrisome or potentially dangerous behaviors or situations are addressed before they result in harm; it is a supportive process, not a disciplinary or punitive one.

Dunn said he has seen the importance of early intervention in his own district.

“The sooner I can help the student who is struggling with reading the better chance they have of catching up,” said Dunn. “I don’t think behavioral issues are any different, jumping in early is important.”

# Home sharing provides beneficial arrangements

Do you have an extra room in your home? Are you an ‘empty nester’ with a big empty house? Are you hoping to age in your home and maintain independence? Do you live on a fixed income? Do you need help with daily tasks like grocery shopping or transportation? Do you want companionship?

If your answer is “yes” to any of the above questions and you feel motivated to help those struggling to afford our current rental market, consider participating in the Metro HomeShare program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Metro HomeShare is a home sharing program that supports clients in both securing and retaining safe and stable housing. A successful home provider must be an individual with a spare bedroom or extra living space, who can legally rent the space and is willing to live with a housemate and share common areas of their home. This individual may be seeking assistance in the form of rent or services or a combination of both.

Program staff work to facilitate home sharing arrangements between home providers and home seekers to provide mutually beneficial relationships and living space. The comprehensive process to participate includes a pre-match screening, home visit, reference checks and intake. Clients are then involved in a self-matching process. Once matched, the program supports clients in case management for up to two years.

“Clackamas County is looking at many different ways to address the housing crisis and support our growing number of older adult residents,” said Brenda Durbin, Clackamas County’s Director of Social Services. “An issue that has received less attention is the reality that some older adults need support in order to remain living in their family homes.”

Learn more about Metro HomeShare at their website at [www.emoregon.org/mhs](http://www.emoregon.org/mhs), call 971-271-5195 or email [metrohomeshare@emoregon.org](mailto:metrohomeshare@emoregon.org).



**Fun for all at Stafford Hamlet Family Fest**  
The Stafford Hamlet hosted the second annual Stafford Hamlet Family Fest on Sept. 15. It was a huge success! Interested in learning more about the hamlet program? Visit: [www.clackamas.us/community](http://www.clackamas.us/community)

# Get in the know: Code Enforcement

The seven employees who make up the county's Code Enforcement Division are responsible for enforcing county codes and state rules to help keep county residents safe and healthy, protect property values and preserve valuable natural resources.

But in a county larger than the state of Rhode Island with more than 400,000 residents, there’s only so much they can do. In fact, staff members are authorized to enforce only county codes and state rules on the following topics:

- Solid waste and waste management;
- Land use issues in the County’s Zoning and Development Ordinance (ZDO);
- Dangerous buildings and structures;
- Building codes;
- Grading and excavation;

- Road use, and
- State environmental rules related to onsite waste disposal (septic tanks and drain fields).

That means there are a variety of issues the division is asked about but cannot address. Many complaints received by staff are under the authority of other jurisdictions.

From July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018, the division received more than 1,400 complaints and questions about issues they could not investigate or enforce.

When staff is contacted about a code they can enforce, they move forward quickly as possible. They are looking to either confirm whether there is a violation, contact the property owner, provide resolution options to encourage compliance and then, if necessary, initiate stronger measures to compel compliance.

**Questions?**

Email [codeenforcement@clackamas.us](mailto:codeenforcement@clackamas.us) or call 503-742-4452, or check the following websites for specific information:

**Where to direct a complaint:**  
<https://bit.ly/2x12cxG>

**More about the complaint process:**  
[www.clackamas.us/codeenforcement/policy.html](http://www.clackamas.us/codeenforcement/policy.html)

**File a complaint online:**  
[clackamas.us/codeenforcement/violations](http://clackamas.us/codeenforcement/violations)



## Board considering vehicle registration fee for traffic safety, relieve congestion

Clackamas County is the only county in the Portland metropolitan area without a local source of funds to maintain its roads and build improvements to relieve congestion and make the road system safer.

More info

Go to: [www.clackamas.us/transportation/vrf](http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/vrf)

While revenue provided through state legislation passed in 2017 (known as House Bill 2017) provides support for several important transportation programs – including resurfacing major roads, ADA curb ramp upgrades for people with disabilities, safety

projects and bike/pedestrian projects – it is not enough to meet the larger needs of resurfacing urban and rural local roads and building capital projects to provide congestion relief.

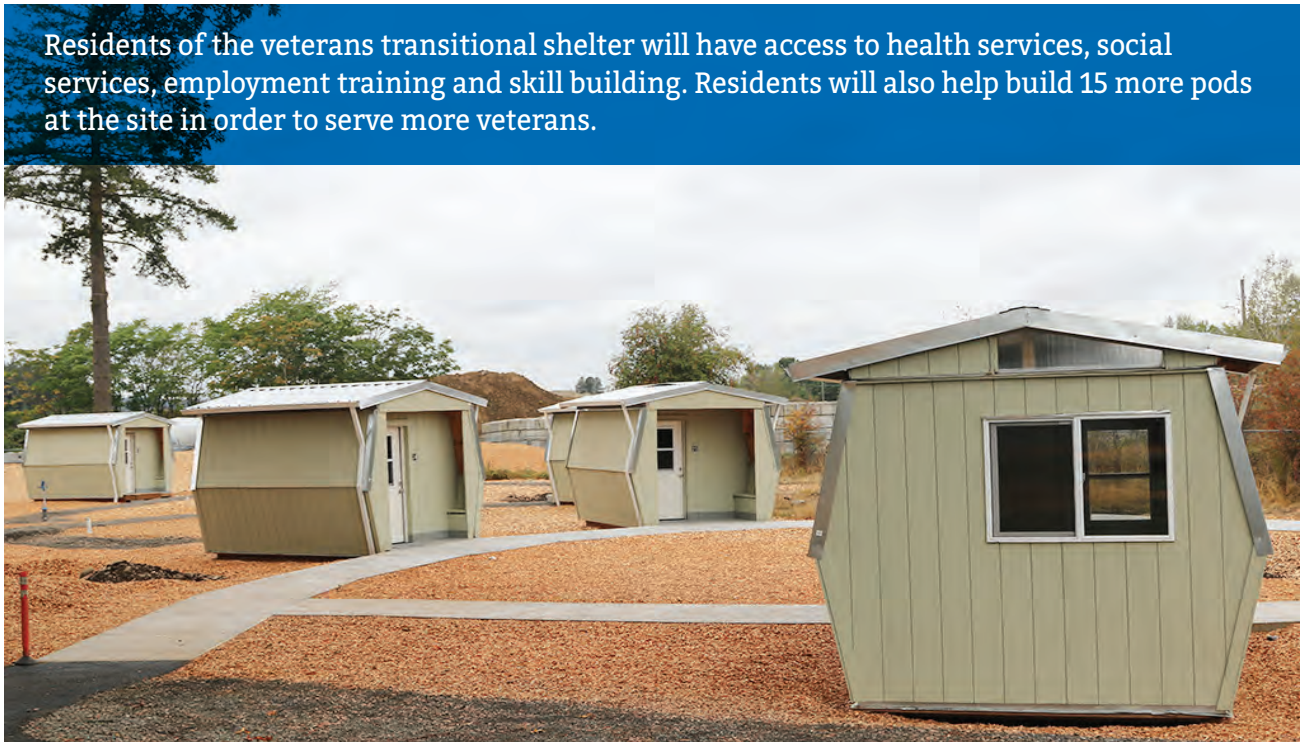
For those reasons, the Board of Commissioners is considering creating a countywide vehicle registration fee (VRF) for cars, pick-up trucks and motorcycles.

By law, the revenue would be split between the county and cities in the county, so people in both rural and urban areas would benefit. Currently people with cars and trucks registered in Clackamas County only pay a state VRF every two years.

<b>Washington County</b> \$48.9 M Annual Collections	Road Miles 1,300	Local gas tax 1977 \$2.1 M/Yr.	Road District 1987 \$3.7 M/Yr.	Local Property Tax 1986 \$35 M/Yr.	Vehicle Registration Fee 2018 \$8.1 M/Yr.
<b>Multnomah County</b> \$17.9+M Annual Collections	Road Miles 230	Local Gas Tax 1976 \$7 M/Yr.	Vehicle Registration Fee 2009 \$10.9 M/Yr.		
<b>Clackamas County</b>	Road Miles 1,400+	No local funding source			

With the county’s share estimated to be approximately \$5.5 million per year, the county would be able to resurface local roads to bring the local road condition average closer to the

county’s goal of a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 70 and fund top priority capital projects to relieve congestion and improve safety.



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### The state of homelessness in Clackamas County

Homelessness is a serious problem in Clackamas County, and commissioners are committed to addressing it.

Clackamas County coordinates a homeless count every two years. The last one, conducted in January 2017, found nearly 2,300 homeless people. That was a 4.4 percent increase from two years earlier.

People included in the count were either unsheltered (living in places not meant for people to live) or unstably housed (staying with others due to economic hardship or living in hotels/motels).

The 2017 count included 85 military veterans, 52 of whom were unsheltered.

### The why and the how

Years ago, commissioners adopted Performance Clackamas, a strategic plan for the county. This plan is updated as needed, but has always called out sheltering homeless veterans as a goal. The county’s goal is to ensure that all veterans are sheltered by 2019, and this village project was a significant step to achieving that goal.

Clackamas County already owned the land for the village site in the Clackamas area. Commissioners chose to invest \$300,000 in 2016 out of the county’s general fund for the project.

This project is a one-of-a-kind approach because it is the first permitted and code compliant one of its kind in Oregon. Because of this, other municipalities struggling with homelessness throughout the state may be able to replicate this model.

Hundreds of volunteers helped build the pods by painting and performing light construction.

### Life at the village: A new kind of community

This village truly is the start of a new community. Residents will share responsibilities and play significant roles in self-governing. Through this – and regular collaboration with their peers – these homeless veterans will regain a sense of community that they may have lost.

The village will be operated by Do Good Multnomah, a veteran-managed nonprofit specializing in providing services to homeless veterans.

The entire effort centers on getting these residents back on their feet so that they can be fully self-sufficient. Services available onsite include:

- Health services (behavioral and physical)
- Social service programs (geared toward self-sufficiency)
- Employment training and skill-building

The pods were constructed during a 14-month span. Each sleeping pod is fully insulated, weather resistant and complies with all health and safety

codes. The village residents will help to build the future pods on the site. There are plans to expand to 30 total pods.

It’s key to remember that the village is transitional. Clackamas County will work with each veteran at the appropriate pace to help them re-enter society.

### A special thanks

Clackamas County would like to thank the many partners who played a significant role in making this project come to fruition. We had help from many more than this, but wanted to highlight a few of the major contributors.

- The nonprofit group, American Military Encouragement Network (AMEN)
- American Medical Response
- Born and Raised Construction
- Catholic Charities
- City Repair
- Clackamas County Planning Commission and the Clackamas County Budget Committee
- The Clarks Grange
- Communitecture
- Do Good Multnomah
- Love, INC
- The Oregon City Mayor and City Commission
- The Portland Mayor and City Council
- Portland General Electric
- The students and faculty of Portland State University
- Springwater Grange
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Robert Zimmer
- The scores of county employees
- And last but not least, the many volunteers who helped us to build these pods, paint them, and provided many of the supplies for the residents. You helped to make the village a reality through your generous contributions.







# Clackamas County Sheriff's Office



**A Safe Place offers support and safety planning for anyone experiencing domestic violence, sexual violence, elder abuse, human trafficking or stalking — and the services are all under one roof.**

## Domestic Violence: Be Aware, Get Help

**It's Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We're working with local partners to create A Safe Place — where survivors can get the help they need.**

**O**ctober is **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men. In Oregon, nearly one in three women report experiencing some kind of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, or physical assault.

We know that domestic violence happens in all communities, and no race, class or group of people is exempt. In response to this community-wide problem, in 2013, the Sheriff's Office and the county partnered with the largest domestic violence service provider in the county, Clackamas Women's Services, to open the first Family Justice Center in Oregon.

Located in Oregon City, **A Safe Place Family Justice Center** provides support and safety plan-

### GET HELP NOW

#### **A Safe Place Family Justice Center**

[www.asafeplacefjc.org](http://www.asafeplacefjc.org)

**503-655-8600**

**256 Warner Milne Rd.,  
Oregon City, OR 97045**

**Drop-in services  
available Monday-Friday,  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

#### **Clackamas Women's Services**

[www.cwsor.org](http://www.cwsor.org)

**24-hour Crisis Line:  
888-654-2288**

ning for anyone experiencing domestic violence, sexual violence, elder abuse, human trafficking, and stalking. At A Safe Place, survivors can immediately access assistance from over nine agencies that offer culturally specific services, including advocacy, safety planning, counseling, legal support, and law

enforcement assistance, among others. And it's all under one roof.

"It makes sense to have trained and compassionate professionals from a cross-section of services all together, in one place to provide the best domestic violence services our county has to offer," said Clackamas County Sheriff **Craig Roberts**. "Since opening A Safe Place in 2013, we have served more survivors and children than we thought possible. By working together we are saving lives and reducing the destructive impact of family violence in our community."

When you walk into A Safe Place, you have the opportunity to meet with an advocate who can help connect you with resources. This can be anything from housing and safety planning to help filling out a restraining order and getting a referral to a counselor. Services are drop-in and no appointment is necessary.

The law enforcement side of the center works with people who want to report domestic violence in a safe environment where support is immediately available. Safety and support are essential services of the Family Justice Center, since reporting abuse is often a difficult step for survivors to take.

"When survivors walk through the door of A Safe

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# The Warrant Sweep turns 16, the Child Abuse Summit turns 20: our ongoing campaigns to fight family violence

**Plus: a special campaign by our deputies to raise breast-cancer awareness in October**

In this issue, you've seen the work we're doing to combat domestic violence and other forms of abuse with our partners at **A Safe Place**. But that's not the only way we're working to stop offenders.

This fall, we're hosting our 16th Annual **National Family Violence Apprehension Detail**. The Clackamas County Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) coordinates this special warrant sweep. Here's how it works: On a set day each fall, law enforcement agencies nationwide join forces to serve arrest warrants and make probable-cause arrests for crimes that include assaults, violations of restraining orders, no contact order violations, and any other family violence related crimes.

The goal of the warrant sweep is to send a message to offenders throughout the U.S.: No matter where they flee, we will work together to find them and hold them accountable.

Last year, 148 agencies from 37 states participated — including sheriff's offices and police de-

partments as well as probation departments, U.S. Marshals' offices, district attorney's offices, and shelter organizations. Over the previous 15 years, the sweep resulted in 75,510 warrant attempts and 15,834 warrants served nationwide.

You can learn more about the National Family Violence Apprehension Detail at [www.clackamas.us/sheriff/domesticviolence.html](http://www.clackamas.us/sheriff/domesticviolence.html).

Back in 2000, I was working child-abuse and child-homicide investigations as a detective for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. Through that assignment, I began to realize that these weren't isolated cases — we were facing a hidden epidemic of violence and abuse.

That same year, some incredible detectives, support staffers, community partners and I started the **Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit**. It's since grown into an internationally recognized conference. This year, we had over 800 attendees and volunteers from around the world.

We realized that the only way we were ever going to make a difference was if everyone worked together: law enforcement, prosecutors, social workers, physicians, protective services and edu-

cators. We needed to build connections and then make sure we were using the best, most up-to-date techniques and ideas. The Summit is the solution: a multi-disciplinary conference where these professionals could get to know each other while hearing from the world's top experts.

The 20th-anniversary Summit is set for **April 16-19, 2019** at the Red Lion Hotel on the River. Learn more online at [www.ChildAbuseSummit.com](http://www.ChildAbuseSummit.com).

## We've joined the #PinkPatchProject!

In other news: October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, and we're joining a fun nationwide campaign to raise awareness in the community: **The Pink Patch Project**.

Over the next month you may see CCSO deputies in the community wearing star patches with embroidered pink stitching to promote breast cancer awareness. We're encouraging our deputies to wear them throughout the month of October.

It's an honor to serve you!

— Craig Roberts, Clackamas County Sheriff



## Domestic Violence CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Place they see, sometimes for the very first time, a real path out of an abusive situation," said Lieutenant **Angie Brandenburg**, Director of A Safe Place. "Research shows leaving a domestic violence situation is not a one-time event, but a process — our goal is to support survivors every step of the way."

In 2016 The National Association of Counties (NACo) named A Safe Place, "Best in Category" for Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Clackamas County is also making important strides legislatively to help victims of domestic violence. In February of this year, the Oregon State Legislature passed **Senate Bill 1562**, which elevates the crime of strangulation when the victim is a family or household member from a misdemeanor to a Class C Felony.

"I, along with many others, testified in favor of this legislation," said Sheriff Roberts. "I've seen firsthand the physical and emotional impact on survivors

and that's why I supported this crucial bill strengthening our domestic violence laws to hold offenders accountable. I'm incredibly thankful to **Melissa Erlbaum**, Executive Director of Clackamas Women's Services, and Senator **Kathleen Taylor**, who sponsored the Senate bill, for their stewardship of this important legislation."

Testifying in support of the Senate bill, Clackamas Women's Services Executive Director Melissa Erlbaum said, "Abusers who strangle send a chilling message to their victims. Many domestic violence offenders do not strangle their partners to kill them; they strangle them to let them know they can kill them any time they wish, and once victims know this truth, they live under the power and control of their abusers day in and day out."

According to Erlbaum, research shows that a man who strangles a woman once is 800 percent more likely to later kill her. There is also a correlation between perpetrators who strangle and the percentage by which they commit other crimes, including violence against law enforcement and mass homicides.

Domestic violence impacts the very heart of our

communities, and it is imperative that we continue to work together to end this abuse. If you or a loved one is experiencing domestic violence, **A Safe Place Family Justice Center** for Clackamas County offers the support of professionals from multiple agencies working together. Drop-in services are available at 256 Warner Milne Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045, or call **503-655-8600** for more information. **Clackamas Women's Services** also offers a 24-hour confidential support line at **888-654-2288**.

Learn more about domestic violence and A Safe Place online at [www.asafeplacefjc.org](http://www.asafeplacefjc.org). ♦

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