

Legislature approves \$31.5 million in matching funds for new courthouse

The Oregon State Legislature passed a bill in June authorizing \$31.5 million in state funding for construction of a new Clackamas County Courthouse.

Securing funding was the top priority for Clackamas County during the 2019 state legislative session. The county is seeking a total of approximately \$95 million from the state of Oregon toward construction of a larger courthouse to be located on the Red Soils campus in Oregon City.

“The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the members of our state legislative delegation and legislative leadership for making this courthouse project funding happen,” said

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Clackamas County commissioners advocating in Salem

Oregon’s 2019 legislative session wrapped up on June 30, and of the 2,768 bills introduced, Clackamas County tracked 1,869 (68%) related to local government and key legislative priorities of the county’s departments.

County commissioners were actively involved in this process, testifying to committees and educating legislators through one-on-one meetings. While all five commissioners were involved in many bills, key highlights are included on Page 3 in the #ClackCo Commissioners Notebook. Other key outcomes from the session include:

Clackamas Caucus

Clackamas County separated itself in 2019 by being the first county in Oregon to benefit from having an official, bipartisan legislative caucus. The Caucus includes 17 members of the county’s diverse legislative delegation, including seven

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New Community Road Fund Advisory Committee begins work

The county’s new Community Road Fund, which will be funded with revenue from the countywide vehicle registration fee, is in good hands with the recent appointment of a 15-member committee by the Board of County Commissioners.

This new, permanent committee — the Community Road Fund Advisory Committee — will play a key role by prioritizing the projects county-supported projects with the Community Road Fund.

The committee, made up of community and business representatives from throughout the county, is working with staff to perform six vital tasks:

- Develop criteria to analyze potential capital congestion relief projects to be funded through the Community Road Fund;
- Apply that criteria to high priority congestion relief projects in the county’s Transportation System Plan and to any additional congestion relief projects that result from community feedback;

- Recommend the order in which capital projects should be constructed;
- Provide recommendations on the order in which safety projects should be constructed;
- Review the project list annually
- Report progress to the Board of Commissioners.

Information about committee meetings, which are open to the public, are available online at www.clackamas.us/crf.

The \$30-per-year vehicle registration fee will go into effect in January 2020, and will be added to the every-other-year state vehicle registration fee. The County will begin receiving the revenue later in 2020. This is the first time the county will have an ongoing source of road funding to use on projects chosen as a priority by local residents and businesses.

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Gary's Commentary: Taking the first step in the journey to right- sizing our budget

One of my duties as Clackamas County Administrator is to propose a balanced county budget to the county budget committee and County Commissioners. Delivering on this responsibility represents one of the five strategic priorities outlined by the County's Performance Clackamas plan: Build Public Trust through Good Government.

In late June, County Commissioners passed an adopted budget totaling approximately \$863 million. The total amount the county is responsible for is \$1.22 billion when special districts and agencies are included.

These numbers may seem high, but most of those funds come from federal and state government sources to provide needed services. And certain funding streams are dedicated, by law, for certain purposes, such as road funding.

During development of the budget, we discovered that while property taxes rose about 5%, our projected expenses were increasing by an estimated 7%.

This created a deficit of approximately \$12 million to fulfill our programs and services. To close this gap, county departments were asked to cut costs by 2 to 5%.

They responded – but their actions alone did not make up the difference. To balance our budget, I drew upon two separate sources of one-time only funds that cannot be used again.

As a result of these measures, our newly-adopted budget is actually about \$17 million less than the amended budget from last fiscal year.

And we accomplished this without any loss of staff or cutting of any program or services.

But this is the first step in a long journey. Going forward, the county budget must be right-sized to ensure that we provide careful oversight and stewardship of our general fund budget and that we live within our means, just as you do.

County expenditures are outpacing our funding streams. There are many reasons for this that other governments in the region have experienced – declining state and federal revenues, increased costs for materials and rising financial obligations,



such as PERS, just to name a few.

As of July 1, a countywide hiring freeze has been in effect, with a centralized process to evaluate the need of the position before filling it. Priority will be given to jobs that are essential to our service delivery. I have the utmost confidence in the county's dedicated workforce to handle this challenge.

During the upcoming 11 months, our leadership and staff will explore ideas that help provide and maintain sustainable budgets now and into the future.

Your participation

That's where you come in. We need to hear from you about what services you most value from your county. Your feedback makes a direct difference. That's why the board has established so many advisory boards and commissions staffed by residents, and why they pay such great attention to public comments and feedback.

We want your ideas on how we can streamline our operations, improve our efficiency with your public dollars, and best deliver services. We want to hear your best ideas on how to tighten our belts.

Through a robust outreach process to start early this fall, you will have several opportunities to offer your perspective. You will be able to do so digitally and in-person, both to me and county commissioners. Your voice will be heard.

Be sure to follow #ClackCo's social media channels, check our website at www.clackamas.us, and keep reading the #ClackCo Quarterly to hear

about these opportunities.

Thank you, and as always, I look forward to serving you in SPIRIT — (S)ervice, (P)rofessionalism, (I)ntegrity, (R)espect, (I)ndividual accountability and (T)rust.

Gary Schmidt

For more information on the budget, visit www.clackamas.us/budget.

For more on Performance Clackamas, visit www.clackamas.us/performance.

County adopts 2019-2020 budget

The Board of County Commissioners formally adopted the fiscal year 2019-20 budgets earlier today.

The action followed a series of public meetings and hearings by the county's budget committee in late May and early June. The newly adopted budgets total \$1,228,320,903, which includes property taxes, dedicated state and federal funds, grants and other revenue sources.

The adopted general budget for Clackamas County is \$862,850,923, including reserves.

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



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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 Caucus advocating for county priorities

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senators and 10 representatives, advocating for each community that makes Clackamas County urban, suburban, rural, and wild.

Members of the Caucus committed to working together on issues that would uniquely benefit the people of Clackamas County, such as key transportation, infrastructure, and rural and urban economic development issues. The 2019 session presented an opportunity to collectively advocate for the county courthouse, I-205 and the Willamette Falls Locks.

“These are legacy issues for the entire Clackamas community and will benefit all of our residents,” said Caucus Co-Chair Jeff Reardon (Clackamas/ Happy Valley). “The courthouse funding is a major victory for us, and the work we did to raise the profiles of I-205 and the Willamette Falls Locks will help us to make further progress on these issues in the months ahead.”

“The Clackamas Caucus has immense potential, and the county courthouse is just the beginning,” said Caucus Co-Chair Christine Drazan (Canby/ Estacada). “I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues as we harness the power of our 17 collective voices to deliver real results for our communities.”

Willamette Falls Locks

The Willamette Falls Locks State Commission, established in 2017, advocated on legislation to repair the Willamette Falls Locks and transfer it to a new owner. Governor Kate Brown included \$7.5 million in her budget to support the project, but the legislature ultimately decided that more work is needed prior to providing funding. Proponents were encouraged to return next year once project details are further along.

The State Commission will now transition to creating a business model for a public corporation to be formed and receive ownership of the Locks. Special state legislation will be needed in 2020 to accomplish this.

Clackamas County is one of nearly 20 members of the State Commission, tasked with finding a new owner and establishing a business model that will support a repaired and reopened Locks. The Locks are presently owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and have been closed since 2011 due to needed disrepair and lack of federal interest to keep the Locks operational. A 2018 study found there to be local economic value in a functioning Locks system on the Willamette River.

Learn more about the Willamette Falls Locks State Commission: www.orsolutions.org/osproject/WFLC

Public Employee Retirement System (PERS)

A key priority for the State Legislature in 2019 was to chip away at the growing Public Employee Retirement System funding crisis, which was accomplished with Senate Bill 1049. Oregon’s public pension deficit has grown to \$26.6 billion, which requires schools and local and state governments to commit a significant amount of money for pensions from 2019-2021 budgets. SB 1049 makes adjustments to the not-yet-retired participants in the three tiers of PERS and is projected to save Clackamas County approximately \$20 million over the next two years.

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Commission Chair
Jim Bernard

Improving Public Safety in Clackamas County

“A new courthouse will increase services that are impossible to provide in the current space. It will make our justice process faster, safer, and move inclusive. Our residents deserve that.”

This year commissioners and other county elected officials worked with the State Legislature to secure a second infusion of funding of \$31.5 million to advance work on the county’s much needed courthouse replacement project. Additionally, the county supported legislation that fully funds the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, which will enable counties to help reduce the jail population and jail re-entry, improve public safety, and hold offenders accountable to their crimes. Lastly, the state 9-1-1 tax, which has not been raised since 1995, was increased by 50 cents and will improve the county’s ability to respond to emergencies in our communities.



Commissioner
Sonya Fischer

Behavioral and Public Health Services

“Stories from across our community confirm what studies show — funding prevention promotes healthier outcomes for our community and saves public resources.”

The State Legislature addressed several behavioral and public health issues. Central to our efforts was maintaining resources that fund critical safety net services for community mental health programs. We also supported the Legislature’s increased investment in public health modernization, a clean diesel program, a statewide drug take-back program, and funding for communicable disease prevention and response activities. Clackamas County also supported HB 2270, which will advance to voters the question of whether to increase taxes on tobacco products – Oregon’s leading cause of preventable death.



Commissioner
Ken Humberston

Veterans Housing Initiatives

“It should be much easier to help our veterans stay housed. If anyone deserves this level of support, it’s the veterans who sacrificed themselves in service of our country.”

Clackamas County continues to advocate for legislation to increase property tax exemptions for military veterans who have been disabled in combat. While the proposed bill did not pass in 2019, it continues to gain momentum each session. Supporting veterans remains a key priority for Clackamas County and we look forward to continuing to work on this issue in future sessions.



Commissioner
Paul Savas

Funding for I-205

“Traffic congestion on I-205 is getting worse every day, leading to delays, accidents and adding to pollution as cars idle in bumper-to-bumper traffic. It’s vital that this two-lane bottleneck on I-205 be resolved to improve traffic flow.”

One of Clackamas County’s top priorities in the 2019 legislative session is funding for the state to add a third lane of capacity in each direction of I-205 between Stafford Road and OR 213, including seismic support for the Abernethy Bridge. This six-mile stretch of I-205 experiences congestion daily when the lanes bottleneck from three lanes into two lanes. The Oregon Department of Transportation expects to complete the design and engineering of this project by summer 2020, yet construction funding is still needed to move the project forward. Speaker Tina Kotek’s proposed legislation to fund the Abernethy Bridge portion of the project (\$260 million) highlighted the importance of the project, yet the legislation failed to gain traction.



Commissioner
Martha Schrader

Housing Funding and Tenant Protections

“As our population grows and puts more demand on rental units, rent prices increase and make it harder for families and low income residents to stay in our community. There is no silver bullet for housing issues, but SB 608 does a great job of balancing the needs of the renters and the needs of those who own rental units.”

Clackamas County supported SB 608, which set reasonable standards for managing and operating rental units, while not burdening landlords with overly restrictive requirements. The Legislature also made historic investments in programs to increase housing supply, preserve existing affordable housing and expand homeless assistance programs.

Paving, maintaining roads

Keeping county roads safe for all travelers

Road crews have been working throughout Clackamas County this summer, with more work on the schedule for fall.

Please make sure you continue to travel safely through work zones so we all can stay safe.

Paving main roads

We are on schedule to finish paving over 15 miles of roads in unincorporated Clackamas County, including Beavercreek (5 miles), Wilsonville (7 miles) and Damascus (3 miles).

Routine maintenance

Routine maintenance work has been on-going this summer. Striping, sweeping and vegetation removal, inspecting culverts and storm sewers, filling in ruts at the shoulder, digging ditches, and repairing guardrails, traffic signs and signals will help keep travelers safe and roads in good condition throughout the county.

To see more of what Transportation Maintenance does, visit www.clackamas.us/roads.



Workers install new pipe to eliminate a deep ditch (potential safety hazard) and reduce future maintenance needs along S Barlow Road this summer.

Ride the ferry for less to the County Fair!

Are you planning on visiting the Clackamas County Fair this month? If so, consider traveling across the Willamette River on the historic Canby Ferry!

Ferry patrons will ride for \$2 (each way) between Aug. 13-17, 2019. Those with a punch pass will ride for free during these dates.

For information including hours of operation, punch passes and more, visit www.bit.ly/canbyferry, or call the information line at 503-650-3030.





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Please use extreme caution as you travel through work zones. According to the Oregon Department of Transportation on average, more than one person is hurt everyday in a work zone in the state.



Think fire safety

As the weather gets hotter and drier, there are tasks that our road crews stop performing such as mowing or cutting back vegetation because of the risk of fire.

- You can help be fire smart too by:
- Checking for loose trailer chains before travel as they could drag and spark a fire
 - Not idling or parking near the road shoulder as hot cars could ignite brush

And as always, plan your travel path ahead of time and check www.tripcheck.com for the latest traffic, weather and road conditions.



VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



Road striping

Luke Snowley paints the 1,200 miles of yellow and 900 miles of white lines on county roads, helping to keep travelers on the road and reduce fatalities. "When it's dark and foggy out, that white line keeps you on the road. I want people to make it from point A to point B safely", says Luke.

Check out the video at www.clackamas.us/roads.



Brush cutting

"I want to do my part in making sure that friends, family and other motorists have a safe place to drive," says Lennie Carrico. He shows you how he cuts down trees to to open up the road and increase sight distance. Better lines of sight allow travelers to see oncoming traffic, traffic signs and other safety hazards.

Watch the video at www.clackamas.us/roads.





A family answers questions about safe driving in Clackamas County while at the County Fair. See their answers and watch more traffic safety videos at www.bit.ly/dtzvideos.

Join "Drive to Zero" to eliminate traffic fatalities, serious injuries in Clackamas County

Two years ago, county employees went to the Clackamas County Fair and asked people about traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Specifically, we asked people how many traffic fatalities they thought there were in the county every year, how many were acceptable and how many were acceptable in their family.

You can see the results at www.bit.ly/dtzvideos.

If you believe, as every person asked did, that zero is the only number of acceptable traffic fatalities and serious injuries in your family, then we invite you to join us in our Drive to Zero goal:

Eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes on Clackamas County roads by 2035.

It's an ambitious goal, but it can happen through

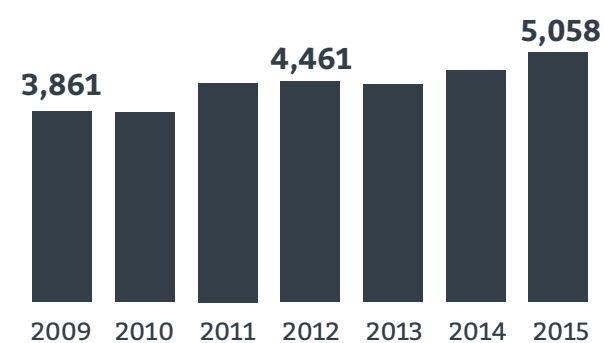
the county's Drive to Zero program and the support and participation of organizations, neighborhoods, families and individuals like you.

Drive to Zero uses many methods to help meet this goal.

- Staff presentations to high school students about the risk of distracted and drunk driving.
- Public awareness campaigns about traffic safety.
- Committing funds every year—including \$500,000 of the new Community Road Fund—to safety projects such as upgraded traffic signs, new turn lanes and wider shoulders.

For more information about being a safer driver, visit www.drivetozero.org.

Your role in transportation safety



From 2009-2015, 30,744 people were involved in traffic crashes in Clackamas County. Of those, 849 were fatal or serious injury crashes.

The Drive to Zero program is described in the county's Transportation Safety Action Plan. The plan includes options for reducing fatal and serious injury crashes based on evidence where these approaches have already been tried, on a review of county crash data and on best local, national and international practices.

Thousands of people are involved in all traffic crashes in Clackamas County each year, and dozens of families are faced with the tragedy of severe crashes that cause potentially life-threatening injuries or even death. We are committed to tackle the challenge of eliminating these crashes by working with partners both inside and outside the county, and uniting with community stakeholders, businesses and nonprofit associations.

Everyone in Clackamas County has a vital role to play in preventing traffic crashes. Throughout this plan you'll find opportunities where you can take action and help us in our Drive to Zero.

To view the safety plan, go online to www.bit.ly/ClackCoTSAP2019.

Teens and driver safety

Making roads safer for everyone

Data shows that younger drivers—those in their teens and 20's—are disproportionately involved in traffic crashes and therefore provide the biggest opportunity to "Drive to Zero", a campaign to reach zero deaths and serious injuries on county roads by 2035.

- More than one-third of all Clackamas County fatal and serious crashes involved a driver who was 25 years of age or younger.
- In 90% of all crashes involving teenagers, the teen driver **did not** take driver education.

With your help, we can make the roads safer for younger drivers and everyone else. There are some simple ways to start.

1. **If you are the parent, guardian, grandparent, sibling or friend of a teenager** who is close to driving age, make sure they enroll in a formal driver education course. You can learn about approved classes at www.whyclavewithed.com.
2. **If you are a parent or guardian of a teenager**, sign a parent-teen driving contract with the young drivers in your family. See an example at www.cdc.gov/parentsarethekey/agreement.
3. **As a driver, be a role model for young adults and others.** You can model the way by always driving attentively, calmly and sober. The way you drive will likely influence the way young drivers around you show up on the road as well.



Kevin Brooks spoke to a student assembly at Molalla High School on the risks of driving while impaired and overcoming adversity in May 2019.

4. **Put down the phone and other electronic devices.** Insist on all drivers (including you!) setting their phones and other devices to Do Not Disturb While Driving. Resist the temptation to react to notifications until it's safe for everyone to do so. The text can wait.
5. **Embrace the affirmation that "TRAFFIC SAFETY STARTS WITH ME!"** and commit to driving safely every trip, starting today.

All statistics can be found in the transportation safety action plan, available at www.bit.ly/ClackCoTSAP2019.

Invite us to your community!

Drive to Zero asks everyone to step up and work together to make travel safe. While county engineers and road workers are busy building and talking about safety projects and talking about safety at community events, there are many things you can do to help "Drive to Zero".

Our staff are ready to come to your community event or neighborhood meeting to:

- **Provide tips about local safety projects** you can do to create a culture of safety in your neighborhood, workplace or place of worship.
- **Talk with teens at school** about the risks of inattentive driving, drunk and drugged driving, and speeding.
- **Advise parents on how best to prepare** their children to be safe drivers.
- **Help develop safety training for businesses** that operate fleets of vehicles.
- **Lend eye-opening, interactive exhibits** like Safety Street (for those under 10 years old) and the Marijuana Vehicle Crash trailers (for those over 14 years old) to use at a special community event or fair.

To schedule a presentation or learn more, contact Drive to Zero Outreach Coordinator Rob Sadowsky at 503-742-4776 or drivetozero@clackamas.us.

Own a home or business? You may need flood insurance!

If you're a county resident or property owner, you have the option to buy flood insurance regardless of whether you live in a floodplain.

Here's why:

- Homeowners and business insurance do NOT cover flood damage. Separate flood insurance must be purchased to cover flood damage and loss.
- Just a few inches of flood water can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage.
- Floods can occur because of clogged drains, surface water backups and flash floods from storms – not just from creeks or rivers.
- You don't have to be in a mapped floodplain to buy flood insurance. Because Clackamas County is in the National Flood Insurance Program, all residents and business owners in unincorporated areas can buy flood insurance.

Are you at risk?

Clackamas County has 23,000 acres of land and nearly 10,000 individual land parcels in floodplains. Rivers and streams prone to flooding include the Clackamas, Molalla, Pudding, Salmon, Sandy, Tualatin, Willamette, Zig Zag, Johnson Creek, Abernethy Creek, Beaver Creek, Milk Creek and Cedar Creek.

County staff are available to provide specific flood and flood-related data and information, help homeowners and business owners determine if they are in flood-prone areas or floodplains, make site visits to review flood, drainage and sewer problems, and advise and assist on retrofitting homes and

For more information, go to:
www.clackamas.us/dm/floodinsurance.html

structures in flood-prone areas and floodplains. To speak with someone about these issues, please call the Planning & Zoning Division at 503-742-4500 or email zoninginfo@clackamas.us.

If you live near a river or floodplain and haven't yet purchased flood insurance, please consider doing so before a high-water emergency occurs. Flood insurance is sold through private insurance companies and agents and backed by the federal government; you can buy it through your insurance agent. There is a 30-day waiting period for new coverage to become effective, so it's important not to wait until risk of a flood is imminent.



The new 1.3 million gallon digester under construction at Water Environment Services' Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility recently passed a crucial "water holding" test, which allows the project to move onto the next phase. The tank-like building will treat "solids," a byproduct of waste from homes and businesses. Each year, WES cleans seven billion gallons of wastewater, which protects public health, the environment and future economic growth for the county.

Rate increases for WES customers

The Board of County Commissioners approved annual rate adjustments recommended by Water Environment Services, its budget committee and its advisory committee.

On July 1, the monthly rate increased by 75 cents for customers in Gladstone, Oregon City and West Linn. An increase of \$2.40 went into effect for customers in Boring, Fischer's Forest Park, Happy Valley, Hoodland and customers in unincorporated Clackamas County. An increase of \$1.80 went into effect for customers in Johnson City and Milwaukie.

These new rate increases do not include right-of-way fees that have been imposed by some cities in the service area.

Ratepayer payments are used to pay for equipment maintenance and planning and construction of new projects designed to ensure reliable service for 190,000 WES customers.

How you can help crime victims

Are you interested in making a difference in people's lives by helping victims of crime? The Clackamas County District Attorney's office is looking for volunteer Victim Advocates.

Victim Advocates help victims of crime in crisis situations and provide ongoing advocacy throughout the criminal justice process. The program is a rewarding way to help people and give back to your community.

Victim Advocates must be at least 18 years old, have reliable transportation, and have no criminal background. Essential qualities include empathy, good listening skills, and being able to help people problem-solve. Many volunteers work full-time jobs along with their volunteer commitment.

Applications are being accepted for the training session beginning in September. For more information or to ask for an application, please call 503-655-8616 or email victimassistance@clackamas.us.

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Clackamas County is studying whether a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the Willamette River would be feasible to build and operate.

County leading feasibility study for new bike/pedestrian bridge

Working with Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District and Metro, Clackamas County is studying whether it would be feasible to build a pedestrian/bicycle bridge across the Willamette River between unincorporated Oak Grove and the City of Lake Oswego.

This bridge would be located in the area shown on the map to the left, with the east and west landing points on publicly-owned land.

The railroad bridge, at the north end of the map, is not an option. The bridge owners, Union Pacific Railroad, would not agree to add pedestrian/bicycle facilities for safety and liability reasons.

The study, scheduled to be completed in 2019, is intended to identify:

- Alternative bridge locations – including possible bridge concepts and issues

related to connecting the bridge to current pedestrian and bicycle paths

- Cost estimates for planning, construction and long-term maintenance, and funding sources
- Environmental work that would be required as part of designing and building the bridge
- Which local government(s) and/or jurisdiction(s) would be responsible for construction, operations and maintenance

The project includes extensive public engagement, including a community advisory committee and public meetings.

For more information, go to www.clackamas.us/transportation/oglo or contact Project Manager Stephen Williams at swilliams@clackamas.us or 503-742-4696.



Volunteering for a good cause

Clackamas County hosted a luncheon for more than 100 volunteers at the Ainsworth House on June 19 in appreciation of their time and efforts helping community members in need. After the event, volunteers assembled on the lawn for a group photo with Clackamas County Commissioners who were there to recognize and honor them.

To learn more about volunteering in Clackamas County, call 503-650-5796 or go to www.clackamas.us/socialservices/volunteer.html

Regulations for short-term/vacation rental properties being considered; public feedback welcome

If you’ve ever gone on a vacation or trip and stayed at an Airbnb or similar facility, you know that this type of short-term rental property is becoming more and more popular in our area as well as across the country.

In Clackamas County, properties on which part or all of a furnished home, apartment or condominium is rented for up to 30 days, typically nightly or weekly, are considered to be short-term or vacation rentals.

Since county code does not address short-term rentals, the Board of Commissioners asked Planning staff to discuss the issue with the public.

County staff attended seven public meetings

this spring, and shared the results with the Planning Commission and Commissioners in June. Discussions included the opportunities and challenges of allowing and regulating short-term rentals, and possible elements (such as garbage disposal, parking, noise, etc.) to regulate.

Draft regulations will be presented to the Planning Commission and Commissioners later this year. Meeting dates will be widely publicized.

For more information, to share comments and to learn about upcoming meetings and public hearings, go to www.clackamas.us/planning/str or contact Senior Planner Martha Fritzie at mfritzie@clackamas.us or 503-742-4529.



All new revenue to be used for county roads

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The revenue, in accordance with state law, is split between the county and cities in the county, with 40% going to cities (based on population). Of the remaining 60%, the county is putting 10% in a strategic investment fund for joint county/city projects and 50% will be used on county-owned roads.

All of the new revenue will be used exclusively for roads in Clackamas County.

For more information, go to www.clackamas.us/transportation/crf or contact David Queener, davidque@clackamas.us, 503-742-4322.

Moments with your baby are precious

Baby wipes are convenient and save time, until they cause inconvenient and costly plumbing issues in your home and community's sanitary sewer system due to clogged pipes and sewage backups.

Wipes of all types can make family clean ups a snap. Just remember to dispose of baby wipes in the trash along with surface cleaning wipes, paper towels, cotton balls and swabs.





Sarah Simila (right) participates in Clackamas County's Women, Infants and Children's program to learn about nutrition, breastfeeding, age-appropriate foods and more.

Helping the community raise healthy kids

Like most expectant mothers, Sarah Simila wanted to give her unborn baby a healthy start to life.

She became a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program participant when she was just two months pregnant with her daughter Addison. She began learning about nutrition in breastfeeding classes, and then took online classes to learn about age-appropriate foods, meal portions and preparation.

The program in Clackamas County helps more than 6,800 women, infants and children through nutrition and breastfeeding education, resource referrals and access to healthy food. Studies have shown that participation in WIC reduces premature births, infant mortality, low birth weight, anemia and childhood obesity.

The WIC program also benefits the local economy. This past year, participants spent more than \$2.4 million on healthy foods at local grocery stores and over \$45,000 on fresh produce from local farmers.

“It’s really important to have a well-balanced diet — not empty calories — that includes veggies and protein, such as broccoli and chicken with a little mac n’ cheese, to grow strong bones,” said Simila, whose daughter is now 19 months old.

Simila also enjoys using WIC’s free smartphone app, WICShopper.

“Another app, Food Hero, shows you yummy recipes — it’s awesome,” she said. The app helps families keep track of their benefits, find the right foods at the store and get helpful meal ideas. WIC recipients can download this free app to any smartphone.

In addition to breastfeeding and nutrition classes, Simila and her daughter have periodic office visits, including weight and height measurements and non-invasive iron screenings. Simila also has phone or online messages with the local WIC staff to keep the family connected, informed and healthy.

“I highly appreciate the staff,” Simila said. “They provide consistent, helpful, knowledgeable support in response to my calls when needed and during check-ins. If (Addison's) dad and I have questions, I can talk to them and get tips. They also reach out to ask how it’s going.”

Fathers and caregivers, such as grandparents, legal guardians and foster parents can sign up a child they care for depending on their income. Those who currently receive benefits from the Oregon Health Plan, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families may also be eligible for WIC benefits.

Learn more about WIC at www.clackamas.us/publichealth/wic.html or call 503-655-8476 or visit a WIC office near you.

For more information, go to:
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Number of homeless people in Clackamas County increases slightly

Every two years, Clackamas County takes part in the Point-In-Time Homeless Count to obtain an estimate of individuals and families experiencing homelessness on a given night.

The count includes individuals who are sheltered within homeless assistance programs, unsheltered, or living in unstable or non-permanent situations. The 2019 count took place on the night of Jan. 21. The data gathered on the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Clackamas County serves as a basis for federal funding and resource planning, raises public awareness about homelessness, and helps agencies understand the specific service needs of these residents.

Volunteers, Clackamas County staff and community partners worked together to gather the data for 2019. Homeless people were surveyed at food pantries, faith-based organizations, agency waiting rooms, shelters, schools and outdoor areas.

The number of people experiencing homelessness in Clackamas County is relatively stable, but is still concerning. In total, 1,166 homeless people were counted in 2019; a slight increase from 1,068 homeless people counted in 2017. The general increase in the 2019 Point In Time count is partially because more individuals are using services and that Clackamas County is operating more shelters.

To learn more, visit www.clackamas.us/homelessness/homelesscount.html.

When homeless individuals were asked what caused them or their family to leave their last living arrangement,

178 couldn't afford the rent

161 were unemployed

156 had a conflict with family/housemates

110 had mental or emotional health issues

105 had been evicted

100 had issues with drugs or alcohol

County revitalizes efforts to gain more youth involvement



From left, Noah Kurzenhauser and Amber Harvey, presented a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners in late-June, detailing next steps for the implementation of a youth program in fall 2019.

In years past, county officials have always wanted more community youths to become involved in county government. Engaging this group, however, was always difficult. This year, however, county officials are making a direct effort to appeal to this important group.

Beginning in March, approximately 25 local high school students participated in three workshops to offer county staff their perspectives on how to better include students in Clackamas County programs.

After several discussions, students narrowed the scope to three specific possibilities. These included county staff working with student clubs on specific issues, a youth council, and an online toolbox to link students with internship and volunteer opportunities.

Ultimately, students encouraged county staff to place an emphasis on school-based

involvement. Most students participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, and of the youth in the sessions, most said a program would be easier to attend if it aligned with their school schedules. Additionally, students said that fostering connections at high schools would lead to increased trust and commitment.

Ally, a student at Clackamas High School, said, “The program allowed me to get involved because I am able to share with the county what youth want and how we can achieve it.”

Concerning future developments, Clackamas County Commissioner Sonya Fischer said the feedback from youth as partners is essential.

“It is critical that we promote policy initiatives through the lens of how our decisions will affect future generations,” she said.

County hosts solar energy workshop

A May solar energy workshop brought together about 30 solar professionals and community members to discuss solar energy alternatives.

The Making Energy Work for Clackamas County workshop discussed how solar can help build our clean energy future in a way that honors and protects the resources, lands and communities we value.

This topic is very important to the Board of County Commissioners. One of just five strategic priorities that guides the board is to honor, utilize, promote, and invest in our natural resources. Solar energy can help the county address climate change to ensure that our working lands remain viable to grow food, trees and other important crops.

The event was cosponsored by the nonprofit Sustainable Northwest.

Students: Get to school safely this fall

With the start of the school right around the corner, it’s time to think about how students will get to and from school safely every day.

Clackamas County’s Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program helps schools create safe walking and bicycling conditions for elementary and middle school students.

We encourage you to consider ways your family can safely walk, bike or roll to school this year. Learn how you can get involved and support SRTS at your school with resources like a program handbook, brochure and tips to safely walk, bike and drive to school.

You can find success stories from area schools for “Walk + Bike to School Days,” process and eligibility information, and more at www.clackamas.us/engineering/srts.html.



This fall, eight Clackamas County libraries are opening their own 'Library of Things,' a collection of non-standard but useful items available for checkout that can range from a violin to a soil-testing kit.

‘Library of Things’ opening at eight Clackamas County libraries this fall

What do cake pans, board games and snowshoes have in common? You may not immediately think of a library, but that’s the right answer because you may soon be able to check out each item and more at your local library.

This fall, eight Clackamas County libraries are opening their own 'Library of Things,' a collection of non-standard, but useful items available for checkout that can range from a violin to a soil-testing kit.

The involved libraries are Canby, Estacada, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Sandy & Hoodland, West Linn and Wilsonville.

“Each library is developing its own unique collection based on a public survey conducted in January,” said Rick Peterson, manager at West Linn

Public Library. “We received almost 4,000 survey responses among all the libraries.”

Overall, survey results showed people are interested in a wide array of things, but the highest-rated categories were arts and crafts, home equipment and media technology, and recreational and outdoor items. Milwaukie residents are particularly eager to check out home and garden equipment, while Estacada residents are excited for event and party supplies.

“A Library of Things supports lifelong learning and brings people together over new experiences,” Peterson said. “It also provides access to experiences that may be out of reach for some people because of money, space or other issues.”

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Learn do-it-yourself techniques with Master Gardeners

Oregon State University Extension Master Gardeners invite the public to a morning of stimulating gardening classes and demonstrations at their Fall into Gardening event.

This year's theme is Do-It-Yourself and will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie.

Fall into Gardening offers the latest ideas through classes, demonstrations, educational displays, a clinic and soil pH testing service. In addition to the award-winning 10-Minute University classes, the event will feature a lecture on 'Wild Foods of Yards, Gardens, Neighborhoods and Farms' by guest speaker Dr. John Kallas on how to identify, harvest and prepare nutritious, delicious, and abundant edible wild plants found within walking distance of your kitchen.

Other topics will focus on practical tools for use in the ornamental garden and in growing vegetables. 'Best Bee Flowers' will show how flower color, shape and arrangement determine their attractiveness to bees so that you learn how to differentiate best bee flowers from the rest. Those attending the 'Making High-Impact Plant Combinations' class will learn principles behind successful plant combinations and be able to identify changes to jazz up their gardens.

For people who aspire to eat out of the garden for more than just the summer, the 'Growing and Harvesting Vegetables Year-Round' class will introduce you to cold-hardy vegetables of our region and identify actions that prolong vegetable production.

Watering is an essential yet time-consuming gardening task for our summer-dry, winter-wet climate. The 'Irrigation Techniques to Save Time and Money' class will review how best to deliver water depending on soil type, weigh pros and cons of common types of irrigation method, and shows steps for putting together a drip irrigation system.

Classes begin at 9 a.m. but doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for early birds who wish to view educational displays and free handouts, visit with Master Gardener diagnosticians to identify mystery plants, diseases or pests; bring photos and specimens to enhance problem description. MGs provide answers, including recommended remedial actions, that same morning.

10-Minute University distills horticultural research down to essential gardening 'know-how.' To learn more, visit www.cmastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/ For the full event schedule, go to www.cmastergardeners.org



The Clackamas Dogs Foundation raised more than \$22,000 at its Putts for Mutts fundraising event in May at The Aerie and Eagle Landing in Happy Valley. The foundation supports programs for Clackamas County Dog Services, which provides dog sheltering, stray care, adoptions and lost and found services.

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County marches in Pride Parade in support of LGBTQ community

On June 16, approximately 80 Clackamas County employees and their families participated in Portland's Pride Parade and Festival.

This event was in honor of Pride Month and in support of the county's LGBTQ colleagues and their family members. The march affirms the county's values supporting diversity, equity and inclusion for all.

"Clackamas County is accepting and we think diversity in our offices and in our community just enriches us," said Clackamas County Chair Jim Bernard of the LGBTQ community

Christopher Hoots, who works in the Behavioral Health Division at the county, attended the parade and said the county's participation in the parade is important for the LGBTQ community in the county.

"It's about letting them know that there are



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**For more, watch our
Pride Parade video at:
[www.YouTube.com/
ClackamasCounty](http://www.YouTube.com/ClackamasCounty)**

a lot of people in Clackamas County that represent that population and the government in general just supports them," he said.

At the Pride Parade, employees joined other community groups, nonprofits and businesses

from Oregon and Southwest Washington in celebrating and supporting the Portland metro area's LGBTQ communities. County Commissioners, employees, elected officials and staff of cities in Clackamas County, family members, volunteers, and other friends and supporters joined together to march as part of the county contingent and host a booth.

The genesis of the county's involvement in the Portland Pride Parade began with an employee networking group – Queers & Allies (Q&A). This group provides LGBTQ education, engagement

and advocacy for Clackamas County employees in order to create awareness and inclusion to empower equitable change in our workplace.

This group spearheaded Clackamas County's first involvement in the Pride Parade in 2015 and has continued working to increase awareness and involvement of the county's activities regarding the Pride Parade and other LGBTQ issues.

"Clackamas County is fortunate to have highly motivated, hardworking and caring employees, who not only want to effectively work and serve, but go above and beyond their required job duties in order to be a welcoming and inclusive public sector organization, said Emmett Wheatfall, Assistant Administrator.

"If you live in Clackamas County, we the county's employees want to provide everybody with equitable service," he said.

The county is already making plans for next year's Pride Parade and to have an even larger contingent of county employees and their families to participate.



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Clackamas County Disaster Management





Clackamas County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Kathie Steele (center) gave a tour in June of the current Clackamas County Courthouse, a structure that was built in the 1930s and lacks a sufficient number of courtrooms and other amenities, along with being seismically unsound.

State funding will support design and pre-construction of new courthouse

COURTHOUSE cont'd from page 1

Clackamas County Chair Jim Bernard. "This was our top priority this session. Clackamas County desperately needs a new courthouse that meets the needs of our growing population. It's a win for our residents, businesses, and our infrastructure."

The existing county courthouse, on Main Street in Oregon City, was built during the 1930s when the population of the county was just over 50,000. The population today is more than 415,000, yet the same courthouse is being used.

In addition to being seismically unsound, the building is poorly designed and overcrowded, forcing crime victims and perpetrators together

in hallways when they come to court.

The building also lacks enough courtrooms to effectively administer justice for the county's growing population.

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

This state funding will support design and pre-construction work for a new courthouse building. It is the second round of state funds after the county secured \$1.2 million for planning in the 2017 legislative session.

The total courthouse project cost is estimated at \$230 million, of which the county will be responsible for approximately \$135 million. The state is expected to provide its final funding in the 2021 legislative session for the remainder of the cost.

Library of Things promotes sustainable communities

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A Library of Things also promotes sustainable communities. People can check out a seasonal cake pan rather than owning one, borrow clamps so they can repair a piece of furniture rather than throw it away, or check out a guitar to play with before deciding whether to buy one.

"The things we buy cost far more than the price on the tag," said Stacy Ludington with the Clackamas County Sustainability and Solid

Waste program, which supports the project. "Land, water, fossil fuels and more are used to produce the items we buy, leading to environmental costs we often don't think about. Sharing items helps to reduce this environmental impact."

Learn more about the Library of Things by visiting www.lincc.org, and make sure to check in with your local library for the opening day announcement.



Get to know the Law Library

Did you know the County has a public law library that is available to everyone?

The Alden E. Miller Law Library of Clackamas County provides legal research and reference services to judges, attorneys, court staff, county staff and residents. Its mission is to help provide equal access to justice.

Public law libraries help level the legal playing field. Anyone can use the library to find accurate and reliable legal information and resources. All library staff members have either a master's degree in library and information science, law degree or both. Staff members are available to help by telephone, electronically and in person Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Performing legal research online can be complicated and confusing. The library is a great place to get advanced help when you have a legal question you can't quickly and easily find assistance in another way.

The library partners with the Clackamas County Bar Association and Legal Aid Services of Oregon to provide free programs to the public. Clinics held every month.

For more information, contact the library at lawlibrary@clackamas.us

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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

Thanks to Sgts. Sheldon and Ritter and Detectives Case, Kyser and Wade for making victims feel safe. They stand out not only for their consistency, passion and skill, but also as being the most highly regarded by survivors themselves as the law enforcement officers they want to work with.

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Thanks to Sgt. Kishpaugh for not just finding and returning a stolen cell phone, but also for using caution and professionalism when confronting the suspect — and thus not escalating the situation.

COLTON

Thanks to Deputy Colbert for showing compassion and taking the time to [engaged with] a transient. The transient later told me that Deputy Colbert often takes the time to chat, getting to know him, and learn about his past.

WILSONVILLE

I want to recognize the work of Records Division Specialist Bayley and the outstanding way she handled an inquiry. She was the utmost professional and extremely courteous.

TEXAS

I want to thank your Jail staff for their polite and professional actions during my three-week stay in our jail. They were professionals and treated me and the other trustees with respect. Medical staff was very caring and attentive to my medical issues, even calling a doctor at home during the middle of the night.

OREGON CITY

I've had the privilege of working with Community Service Officer Sara McClurg at community events, various Neighborhood Watch Programs, and the Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge Neighborhood Livability Project. I and others in the community believe Officer McClurg deserves recognition for all her hard work and dedication.

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Big Wins for School Safety

Dear Clackamas County residents:

As summer winds down and the new school year approaches, our thoughts turn to school — and school safety.

Our **School Resource Officers** (SROs) will be returning to Clackamas, Rex Putnam, Wilsonville and Estacada High Schools. SROs are "law-enforcement counselors" — and they're the first line of defense against school violence. An SRO is a uniformed deputy or officer from a local law-enforcement agency, "embedded" at the school. His or her job is to educate and encourage crime prevention among the student body. SROs often take on mentorship roles — and they help foster a healthy relationship between law enforcement and students. We have wonderful SROs in **Deputies Russell, Teague, Keen and Cronk**, and I'm excited for them to help students start the new school year.

In addition to providing our dedicated SROs, we've also made some big strides in school safety over the past several months and years.

As Chair of the **Oregon Task Force on School Safety**, it's been amazing to follow the success of the **SafeOregon** tip line.

SafeOregon (www.SafeOregon.com) is a safety tip line for K-12 schools, managed by our partners at the Oregon State Police. It emerged out of recommendations made in 2015 by the Task Force.

Schools must sign up to participate in the service. Students can use SafeOregon to anonymously report concerns about bullying, safety threats, drugs/alcohol, weapons, talk of



Several Oregon sheriffs, including Sheriff Roberts, have filmed public safety announcements promoting SafeOregon.

suicide and other self-harm, as well as physical and sexual abuse. Students can submit safety concerns via text, phone, web, and the SafeOregon app (available on iTunes or Google Play).

Youth suicide is real. According to the Oregon Health Authority, in 2017 alone there were 107 suicides by Oregon youths ages 24 and younger. In the two years since SafeOregon was launched, more than 3,000 tips have been received, and there have been some incredible success stories. It's helped authorities intervene following school-shooting threats in St. Helens, Woodburn and elsewhere. In November 2017, two Hermiston police officers were able to avert a teen suicide attempt in progress thanks to a SafeOregon tip. (You can find many more success stories at www.safeoregon.com/about/results.)

But that's not our only recent victory. In this year's Oregon legislative session, the Task

Force also introduced bills (HB 2327 and SB 584) establishing a **Statewide School Safety and Prevention System** within the Oregon Department of Education.

I'm excited to tell you this important legislation is now on its way to becoming state law.

This campaign to improve safety in our schools was an amazing team effort. The School Safety and Prevention System will provide 15 full-time **Technical Support Specialists** who will work directly with schools to develop mental wellness and suicide prevention strategies. It will also help schools establish local multi-disciplinary **safety assessment teams** to respond to threats of violence — with law enforcement playing an important role on these teams.

Together, we are making a difference.

It's an honor to serve you.

— Sheriff Craig Roberts



AWARDS CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS

Honoring Valor

Last fall, five deputies put themselves in harm's way to rescue a man shot in the head. This summer, we presented them with our Medal of Valor.



On June 27, we held our 2018 Awards Ceremony at Camp Withycombe — honoring dozens of employees from across the Sheriff's Office (as well as citizens) who went above and beyond last year in the name of public safety.

The ceremony closed with a very special award: the Sheriff's Medal of Valor, honoring acts of exceptional heroism. This year Sheriff Roberts presented it to Deputies Dan Olson, Gabe Adel, Tyler Alexander, Rayce Belmont, and Josh Brown.

The award recognized their actions on a November night when they risked their lives to rescue a man who'd been shot in the head.

It was about 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2018. Deputy Alexander was responding to a report of a suspicious person on East Welches Road.

He arrived at the scene — just as the incident turned into a shooting.

Deputy Alexander heard glass breaking, as well as 6 to 10 gunshots. He saw rounds hit the pavement in front of the home.

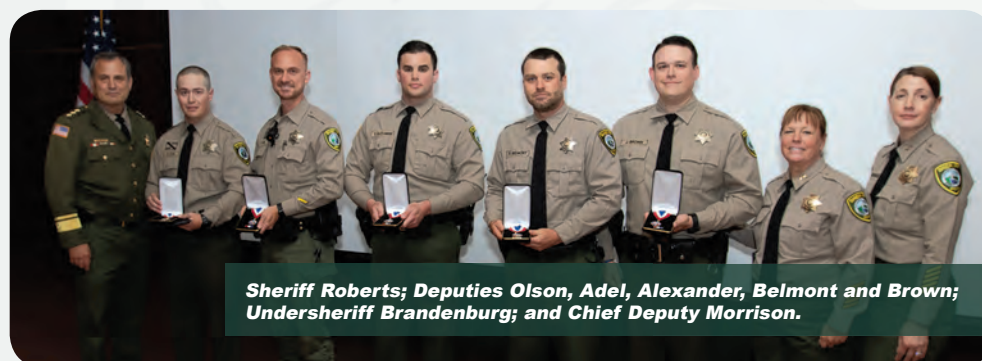
Deputy Alexander called for cover and made his way up to the home, using concealment. He saw a man lying in the front yard, moaning in pain.

The victim had a gunshot wound to the head. And he was lying in direct view of a broken window.

Cover arrived at the scene. East Welches Road was closed. Deputy Adel contacted Deputies Brown and Olson as they crouched in a deep ditch near the scene.

The deputies split into two-man teams and moved toward the target house. They assessed the scene.

Deputy Olson told the victim to crawl out of the



Sheriff Roberts; Deputies Olson, Adel, Alexander, Belmont and Brown; Undersheriff Brandenburg; and Chief Deputy Morrison.

Dash-cam footage of the Nov. 30 rescue, taken from Deputy Adel's patrol car:



Deputy Adel approaches the house.



Deputy Olson runs out and retrieves the victim.



The team loads the victim into the back seat.

front yard. The victim did not respond.

Working together, these deputies formulated a hasty rescue plan.

Deputy Alexander covered the broken window with his rifle.

Meanwhile, Deputies Olson, Brown and Belmont approached the victim. They used the passenger side of Deputy Adel's vehicle as cover.

Deputy Adel pulled his vehicle into the front yard of the residence — exposing himself to potential gunfire. He exited his vehicle with his long gun pointed at the window to provide cover.

Deputy Brown also held cover with his rifle.

Deputy Olson then ran in front of the shot-out window, grabbed the victim, and dragged him behind the patrol car.

Deputy Adel then backed his car up while Deputies Olson and Belmont pulled the victim alongside the vehicle, shielding the victim from potential gunfire.

Deputies Belmont, Olson and Brown then loaded the victim into Deputy Adel's patrol car. Deputy Brown remained in the back seat and assessed the victim's injuries.

They transported the victim to medical personnel staged at a nearby Thriftway. Deputy Brown rode with the victim to the hospital. The victim survived.

As noted at the close of the Awards Ceremony: "These deputies risked their lives to save this man. Their efforts were selfless and exhibit the very highest standards of our office. We're honored to present them with our Medal of Valor."

Also Recognized

AT THE
2018 AWARDS
CEREMONY

A NEW UNDERSHERIFF TAKES THE OATH

Sheriff Roberts officially swore in several new and promoted employees at the Awards Ceremony — including our new Undersheriff, Angela Brandenburg.

Undersheriff Brandenburg has served with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office for 27 years. She is also a veteran who served nine years in the Oregon Army National Guard.

During her career at the Sheriff's Office, Undersheriff Brandenburg has served in a variety of capacities. She has worked as a Reserve Deputy, Patrol Deputy, Civil Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Civil Sergeant and Lieutenant. She also spent five years as the Public Information Officer, and was a member of the Search & Rescue and SWAT Teams.

Before taking over as Undersheriff, she was responsible for leading our Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT) and served for five years as the Director of A Safe Place Family Justice Center.



Deputies Dan Olson, Jonathan Zacharkiw and Jonah Russell received Life Saving Awards for their dramatic September 2018 efforts to help revive a two-week-old infant, Audrey, who had stopped breathing at Clackamas Town Center.

(We later learned we had a very special connection to this family: Audrey is the great-granddaughter of our former Sheriff Bill Brooks.)



Deputy Bryan Morris received Life Saving Awards for two separate incidents where he used an AED to help revive patients at endurance events — one at the Revel Marathon and Half Marathon in July 2018, one at Cycle Oregon in September 2018.



Find more Awards Ceremony honorees and highlights in our news feed at clackamas.us/sheriff