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County, Gladstone agree on library settlement



In October, the Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to a settlement that provides a path forward toward a comprehensive library solution for the city of Gladstone and the unincorporated Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge area. This

followed the Gladstone City Council's unanimous approval of the settlement just days before.

The city and county had been involved in a legal dispute over library construction funding, but this agreement resolves that lawsuit. Key points include:

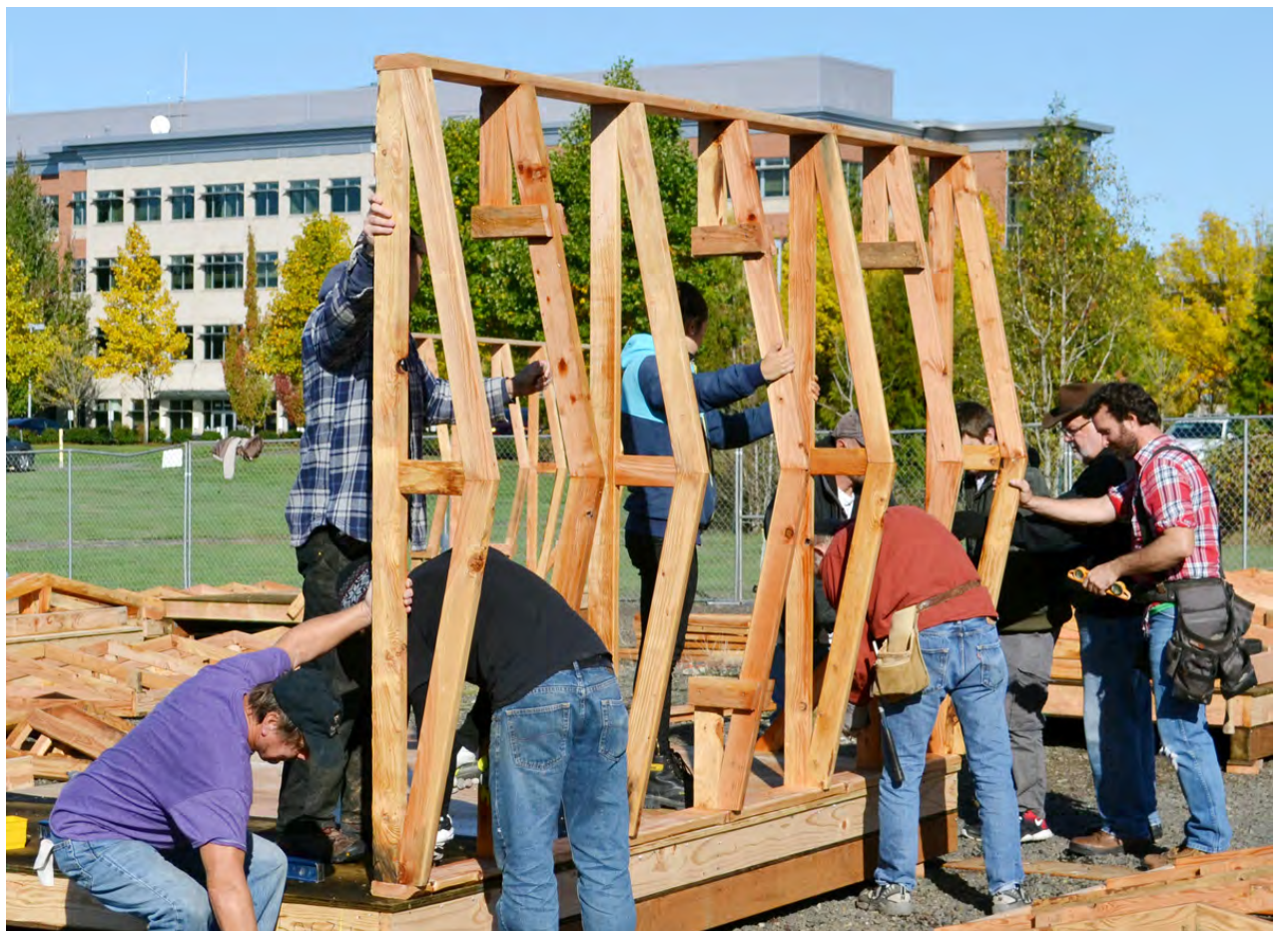
- A proposed two building, one library solution (branches in Gladstone and the Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge area) managed by Clackamas County and modeled after Sandy's two-branch library system.
- An estimated 25,500 sq. ft. of new library space using existing library revenues and reserves. This solution does not impose additional costs to taxpayers for library construction.

The settlement, available at www.bit.ly/2yf0wkj, is a general strategy that has many details to be determined through a robust public involvement process.

Check out the new self-check library machines

Over the past year, the Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) cooperative has been working to implement RFID (radio frequency identification) technology throughout the county. This summer, LINCC libraries rolled out new RFID-enabled self-check machines at all 13 library locations.

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Transitional shelter for veterans

Clackamas County's transitional shelter project for up to 30 homeless veterans is underway. Learn more in Krupp's Korner on page 2.

County provides free rain boots to kids

The Early Learning Hub of Clackamas County in September launched the "Make a Splash!" initiative, which will provide free Oaki rain boots to children ages 3-6 who live in the county and qualify for any income assistance program.

Rodney Cook, the county's Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Division Director, said officials from the county and Oaki, a Vancouver, Washington-based company, believe the rain boots will provide children an increased opportunity to participate in outdoor play.

"We encourage children to enjoy the outdoors not only for the physical benefits, but for cognitive, social and emotional development," Cook said.

The Early Learning Hub of Clackamas County is one of 16 hubs in Oregon. Hubs are organized groups of people representing multiple agencies and disciplines that work together to create a streamlined system of supports for children, prenatally through age 6, and their families. They collaborate with early childhood programs

to translate research on early development into results-driven and family-oriented interventions and services.

Hub partners may submit a request on behalf of families they serve with children ages 3-6 who live in Clackamas County and qualify for any income assistance program, including the Oregon Trail card, OHP/CHIP, Section 8, WIC-eWIC card, free/reduced school lunch, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Head Start. Request forms are available by emailing Kimberly Lopez at klopez@clackamas.us or calling her at 503-650-5680.



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In your Yard Debris Container

Leaves and 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 papers
- ✗ Rocks
- ✗ Dirt or sod
- ✗ Ashes
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Oversized items
- ✗ Plastic

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TRASH TALK



FREE MICROCHIPPING



CLACKAMAS RIVER
DRINKING SOURCE

Krupp's Korner:

FOCUSING ON VETERANS

Veterans hold a special place in our hearts. Thanks to their tireless dedication and relentless services to our country, it's crucial for us here in Clackamas County to help them any chance we get.



In the past, the county has worked substantially to assist veterans. Our Social Services Division formed a Homeless Veteran Coordination Team two years ago to coordinate services for homeless veterans, streamline access to housing and other critical services, and maximize the resources of each partner so services are efficient and effective for homeless veterans.

While a federal and state grant recently provided new housing slots for homeless veterans, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, and regional partners Multnomah and Washington counties, organized statewide training for Veterans Service Officers on LGBT veteran issues. The goal was to include helping with discharge upgrades for veterans who were dishonorably discharged under the former "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law.

Currently, we're working on a unique project that will provide temporary shelter to homeless veterans in the county. This temporary transitional shelter community will provide decent, safe and sanitary shelter for our veterans. We know that reliable shelter is integral to health, security and safety. People who are

homeless suffer higher rates of premature death, illnesses, psychiatric and addictive disorders, and have a higher risk of being sexually or physically assaulted than people who have a home. Our veterans deserve reliable shelter.

This 1.5-acre parcel of land near the corner of 115th Avenue and Jennifer Street in Clackamas will contain up to 30 innovatively-designed sleeping pods, a community kitchen, showers and restrooms, and a community room. The initial focus of the project is to "shelter first," an approach that seeks to provide adequate shelter prior to delivering services. Once a community member receives adequate shelter, they can then access services to become increasingly self-supportive. This model supports an individual's need to keep their housing and also makes it less likely they will return to homelessness.

At this shelter, veterans can receive services or programs such as: educational programs on such topics as resumes, financial wellness, carpentry and other skill-building; housing placement, renter resume development, and moving assistance; and connecting people to community programs for needed items such as financial assistance and long-term housing.

As a county and community, we must be responsive to the needs of our residents. Helping people live independent, productive lives benefits the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Don Krupp
Clackamas County Administrator

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE IS ON YOUR SIDE

The Clackamas County Veterans Service Office assists veterans and their eligible dependents with federal Veterans Administration (VA) benefits.

For information on how Clackamas County serves veterans, call:
Veterans Service Office: 503-650-5631;
Coordinated Housing Access: 503-655-8575; or
Homeless Veterans Outreach Specialist: 503-650-5775



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

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We have nearly 50 different boards or commissions where you can make a difference in your government's direction.

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www.bit.ly/CitizenInvolvement

Public Involvement in Clackamas County

There are numerous opportunities for you to get involved at the county. For a full list of advisory boards and council openings and their descriptions, visit www.bit.ly/CitizenInvolvement.

AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The council advises the Clackamas County Area Agency on Aging on matters relating to the development and administration of the Area Plan and on plan operations. It meets the second Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The application deadline is November 30. For more information please contact Valerie Skinner at valerieski@clackamas.us, or 503-650-5643.

PLANNING COMMISSION

This nine-member commission advises the Board of County Commissioners on land use applications and issues in accordance with the requirements of state law, the County Comprehensive Plan, Zoning & Development Ordinance, and County Code. This commission meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Application deadline is March 13. For more information, contact Darcy Renhard at drenhard@clackamas.us or 503-742-4545.

Volunteer drivers critically needed!

Seniors and people with disabilities need your help!

The Transportation Reaching People Program is seeking volunteers to drive residents over the age of 60 or those with disabilities to critical appointments.

Mileage reimbursement provided!

Chose your own schedule!

Volunteer Connection
503-650-5796





In August, commissioners hosted a delegation from Guanyan County in China. Late last year, the two counties entered into a sister-entity relationship promoting mutual economic opportunities, such as enhanced export programs.

Get to know your commissioners

We sat down with three of the county commissioners to find out more about the work they are doing. Read what they have to say.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING CLACKAMAS COUNTY?

Chair Bernard

There are many important issues that the county and the region must attempt to address in the next few years, which are interrelated. Transportation gridlock may be a deterrent to attracting new business, and land-use has an impact on transportation. The demand for affordable housing has forced people to look outside the metro region. This means more time on the road and higher rents and housing costs which is leading to increased houselessness.

Commissioner Savas

The most important issue facing the Clackamas County is the lack of job growth, specifically to keep pace with our growing population. When you factor in increasing rents and rising land values we have a recipe for poverty. We have seen our houseless population increase year after year. That’s the big issue. While many households have recovered from the recession, there are middle and lower income families still struggling. Many of the jobs that have been created since the recession are part time, and fall short of meeting the basic needs of housing, food, medical costs, and transportation.

Commissioner Schrader

The housing crisis is the most critical issue facing the county. We’re seeing a rise in rents, we don’t have the housing capacity for the middle class and we’re dealing with houselessness along many of our urban corridors. It’s a complex problem not only in Clackamas County, or in the tri-county region but state-wide.

I serve as co-chair for the housing subcommittee for the Association of Oregon Counties and we’ll be meeting soon with key stakeholders to examine the issue and find solutions that work. The county has initiated a transitional shelter community, specifically for houseless veterans. But we need to look beyond simple emergency shelter needs to address housing in all of our communities.

HOW CAN THE COUNTY IMPROVE ON ONE OF THE FIVE STRATEGIC GOALS?

Chair Bernard

We need to start thinking differently and consider the fact that the system itself is broken. How can we fulfil our goal of “growing a vibrant economy” without building a strong infrastructure? Investment in roads, high-speed internet, and wastewater treatment will increase our ability to attract employers and build affordable housing.

Commissioner Savas

The County should focus on our goal of economic vitality. There’s no better place to pursue a vibrant economy than in the Sunrise Corridor. We need to grow that area. Investing in the Sunrise Corridor will advance the County’s strategic goal of building a vibrant economy. By doing so we can actually meet three essential needs: land for new jobs, transportation connections-congestion relief, and land for housing that ideally is affordable.

Commissioner Schrader

We want to ensure safe, healthy and secure communities. That includes looking at how housing, public health and areas of poverty correlate in the county so we can focus resources. That’s a core service of county government. Our cities do not provide human service delivery systems.

Water and Environment Services is essential to staying healthy. One of the great achievements of the 18th-21st centuries is the infrastructure for clean water supplies. Diseases related to unclean water still exists in the world, but we provide a service to provide clean drinking water. This is another huge public health piece of safe, healthy and secure communities that people often take for granted.

WHY SHOULD RESIDENTS GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THE COUNTY?

Chair Bernard

We cannot do it alone. We need to hear from you about your priorities and how we can achieve parity. We have 70 advisory committees and

numerous opportunities to communicate with the Board either at our business meetings or in person. All five of us are hard at work, sometimes 12 hours a day. We’re attending community events, reaching out, and we want to hear your priorities.

Commissioner Savas

Residents should get more involved for many reasons. We often hear from citizens who are not happy with a certain development occurring in their area, nor are citizens aware of what is allowed or required when a property owner submits a development application. Growth pressures are reshaping our county. If people want to improve their community, their neighborhood, their well-being - they need to get involved. The impacts of population growth on housing costs, congestion on our roads, and our quality of life affect us all. Citizen involvement, especially from citizens unfamiliar with county processes and their elected officials is vital to informing decisions that are likely to impact our future.

Commissioner Schrader

Residents should be involved so they can help the commissioners frame policy. We need to continue to develop policy and strategies to increase our housing inventory across the county - from low-income subsidized housing to affordable workforce housing. I also believe our business community should be directly involved in these strategies.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?

Chair Bernard

I got involved in politics because I wanted to have an impact on the future and my parents and grandparents taught us that it was our duty to give back to the community. The community supported our family business for 92 years and I am thankful. Before my dad passed away, we talked about the future of Bernard’s Garage and agreed we wanted to leave behind a project that we could be proud of. When I met Tom Brenneke the developer that purchased our property who was born and raised in Milwaukie, I knew he was the right person to make the family proud and give Milwaukie a project it needed. It’s not easy being the first project!

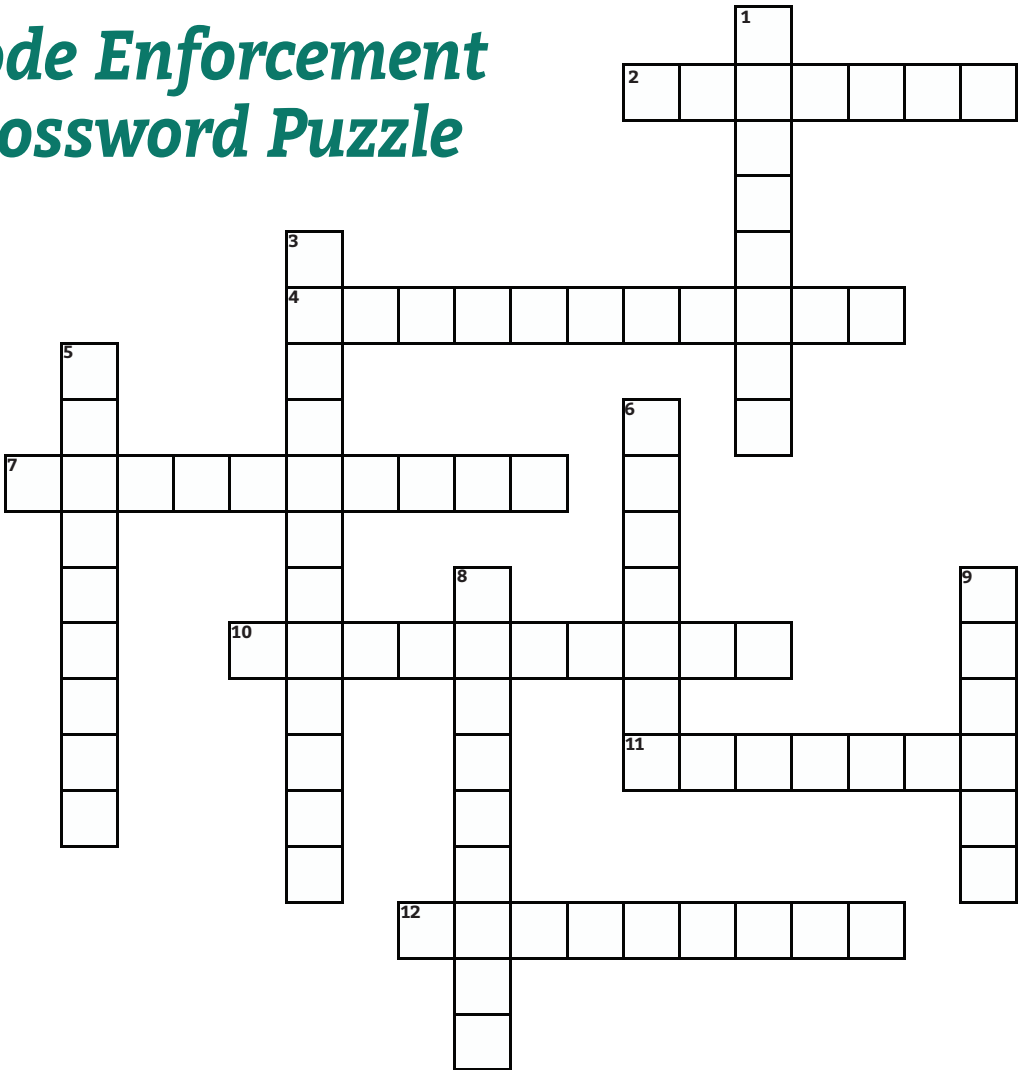
Commissioner Savas

I actually enjoy working with citizens on community efforts, there is fun in that. But for fun, and as a hobby I have an appreciation for older cars and enjoy working with other auto enthusiasts who restore older vehicles. What is especially rewarding is working with younger generations who are anxious to learn, and who appreciate the design and styling of cars as it has evolved over the decades and frankly, the last century. The appreciation of the evolution of transportation that is rich in history, and demonstrates how technologies advanced is a fun learning experience. It also brings about skills and trades that can lead to exciting opportunities in the job market. New technologies embedded in today’s modern vehicles is fascinating to people of all ages.

Commissioner Schrader

I enjoy traveling to see my grandchildren, and particularly enjoy kayaking, white water rafting and hiking. Recently, because of my leadership in the Association of Oregon Counties, I’ve enjoyed visiting the rural areas of our state.

Code Enforcement Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 2. Official documents given to someone to authorize them to do something
- 4. An object that prevents passage of people or vehicles, such as a downed tree
- 7. Voluntary action to conform
- 10. Checking or testing a structure or system against established standards
- 11. An accumulation of household waste
- 12. A formal action to report a concern that results in an investigation

Down

- 1. Unauthorized drawing or writing on a wall or other surface
- 3. Information provided with a request for privacy
- 5. Unknown source of information
- 6. The sound a dog makes; if it becomes a nuisance, Dog Services can help
- 8. People living in close proximity to each other
- 9. Being protected from and unlikely to cause danger

For answers to the crossword, visit www.bit.ly/CodeCrossword

Public welcome to submit ideas for long-range land use and transportation planning

Every year, the county’s long-range planning staff focus on a few high-priority projects. For 2017-18, there are four land use projects and six transportation projects, which you can review at www.bit.ly/workplan2017 or by clicking on 2017-18 Work Program at www.clackamas.us/planning.

County residents, community organizations and others with suggestions for a land use or transportation long-range planning project for the next fiscal year (2018-19) are encouraged to send in their ideas to be considered.

Past suggestions have included Zoning and Development Ordinance (ZDO) and/or Comprehensive Plan amendments to address changing community needs, development of new or updated community plans, and analyses of future transportation needs.

Send suggestions to: Lorraine Gonzales, Senior Planner, lorrainego@clackamas.us, or mail/drop-off to Planning & Zoning Division, Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City, 97045. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 30.

In December, staff will evaluate and prioritize the suggested projects and current projects that may carry over to the next year based on the following criteria:

- policy implications
- staff and financial resources
- consistency with legal requirements and county goals

Projects that make it through to the list of potential projects for 2018-19 will be the topic of a Planning Commission public hearing in early 2018, and may then be acted on by the Board of County Commissioners. Funding for the selected projects will be included in the county’s budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2018.

For more information, please contact Senior Planner Lorraine Gonzales at 503-742-4541 or lorrainego@clackamas.us.

Get prepared for upcoming flu season

With flu season rapidly approaching, it’s best to take preventive measures.

Getting an annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself, your friends and family from the illness. Because the flu shot takes about two weeks to be effective, getting it immediately is a great way to reduce your likelihood of catching the flu.

Remember: You cannot get the flu from a flu shot. Illnesses after a flu shot are often due to other circulating viruses which are also common at this time of year.

In order to prevent contracting/spreading the flu, here are several actions people can take:

- get the flu shot (if older than six months)
- wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for 15 to 20 seconds
- limit close contact with sick people
- limit your contact with others when sick
- cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, clean and disinfect surfaces that may have germs
- stay at home if you’re sick so you don’t run the risk of infecting others.

If you do suspect you may have the flu, symptoms include fever or feeling feverish/chills, cough or sore throat, fatigue, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, and headaches.

If you get sick, be sure to rest and get plenty of fluids. If you or loved ones become concerned about your illness, be sure to see a doctor. You should also seek urgent medical care if you start showing signs of severe illness.



Loneliness & Older Adults

A 90-minute learning session on how loneliness impacts older adults and how we can help keep people connected.

For more information and to schedule a session, contact Stephanie Barnett-Herro at 503-742-5315 or sbarnettherro@clackamas.us



Make your food last and save some cash



The average family of four wastes \$1,500 each year on food that doesn’t get eaten. You spend your hard-earned money on food to make good, nutritious meals for you and your loved ones – so don’t let it go to waste!

One way to make sure food is fresh and ready to go when you need it is through proper storage. While putting away your groceries, take a few minutes to ensure you’re storing them in a way that maximizes their shelf life. Use these tips for storing and using common fresh foods:

- Apples:** Store apples in the fridge in the low humidity drawer or in a paper bag to extend shelf life (up to six weeks). One bad apple can ruin the whole bunch, so eat up the bruised ones first. For longer storage, place in a cardboard box covered with a damp towel.
- Bananas:** Store bananas on the counter for up to seven days, depending on ripeness. Store them away from other fruit because they produce ethylene gas, which speeds ripening in other produce. Bananas can also be frozen with or without their peel and used later in baked goods or smoothies.
- Bread:** If you struggle with moldy bread, remove it from the plastic packaging and store in a paper bag. After two days on the counter, you should store bread in an airtight container in the freezer and thaw in the microwave or toaster when ready to use.
- Eggs:** To test if an egg is still good, place it in a glass of water. If the egg...
- stays at the bottom, flat or at an angle, it is fresh
 - stands on its pointed end at the bottom, it is still safe to eat but best used for baking and making hard-boiled eggs
 - floats, it’s stale and is best to be discarded
- To freeze eggs, prepare them in portions that you’ll use (ice cube trays work well). If freezing whole eggs or yolks, whip them up with a fork.

- If freezing just the yolk, add a ½ tsp. of salt or 1 tbsp. of sugar per cup of yolks to keep them from clumping. Egg whites can be frozen as they are. Store in an airtight container for maximum freshness.
- Milk:** Store milk in the coldest part of your fridge, usually on a shelf and not in the door. Skim or low fat milk can be frozen to use in baking later.
- Onions:** Store whole onions in a cool, dark place like a cupboard. Good air circulation is best, so don’t stack them. Store partially-used onions in the fridge in an airtight container, leaving the papery outer layer on. Onions cause potatoes to sprout, so be sure to keep them separate.
- Potatoes:** Store potatoes in a cool, dark place somewhere slightly warmer than the fridge. A box in a dark corner of the pantry or a paper bag work well. Moisture and exposure to light causes spoilage. If your potatoes do sprout, they’re still safe to eat by cutting the sprouts off. Cooked potatoes can be frozen to eat later.

More tips

Save the Food offers additional storage tips at www.savethefood.com/Food-Storage.

The **Eat Smart, Waste Less Challenge** helps you waste less food. Learn more at www.eatsmartwasteless.com.

Solving business challenges by going green

“Going green” is more than a trend for businesses – it makes financial sense. Businesses throughout Clackamas County are adopting sustainable practices to help them conserve resources, benefit their bottom line and improve efficiencies. From composting and lighting upgrades, to reducing paper use and increasing recycling, the following businesses demonstrate that applying creative solutions to unique challenges has many benefits.


Babica Hen Café shows their commitment to sustainability beyond their menu choices. While looking for ways to reduce their paper use, they switched from disposable napkins to cloth napkins and got creative by replacing individual coloring sheets for kids with a giant white board drawing wall.



Checkpoint Motors upgraded 55 fluorescent lamps to LEDs at a cost of only \$170 by taking advantage of incentives from the Energy Trust of Oregon. Now they save an average of \$125 on their energy bill each month and enjoy lighting that they say “uplifts your mood.”

Rose Villa Retirement community took their strong culture of sustainability to the next level by examining their operations for additional

improvements. Their food scrap collection program diverts 1,000 pounds a week from the landfill, and their new electronic kiosk for residents helps reduce their paper use by four cases a month, saving approximately \$1,400 per year.




The Bomber Restaurant is separating food scraps from their kitchen to be turned into soil amendments and energy at a compost facility instead of going to the landfill.

Want to get started?

Have these examples inspired you to explore green practices at your business? If you're looking for even more inspiration, many other businesses in the county have earned a Leaders in Sustainability certification for their positive impact in our environment and community. Check out their accomplishments at www.bit.ly/certifiedLiS.

We can help you make easy upgrades at your workplace that could save you money, time and precious natural resources. Contact us today at 503-742-4458 or lis@clackamas.us.

The Bottle Bill expands, Jan. 1



Starting Jan. 1, 2018, bottle redemption centers will accept more types of glass and plastic bottles!

You will soon be able to redeem your tea, coffee, hard cider, fruit juice, kombucha, coconut water, sports drink bottles and more at redemption centers.

For more information, visit www.bit.ly/orbottlebill.

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. Go to clackamas.us/recycling/garbage.html to find contact information and our policies.

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 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) in 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

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

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



Donate Your Stuff

Many materials can be donated for reuse in your community.

- Evergreen Thrift**, Milwaukie
503-653-7510
- Red White & Blue Donation Center**, Gladstone
503-655-3444 | www.redwhiteandbluethriftstore.com
- Deseret Industries**, Happy Valley
503-777-3895 | www.deseretindustries.lds.org
- Habitat Restore**, Canby
503-263-6691 | www.nwvrestore.org




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

Plastic Bags, Film and Wrap

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

- Participating** grocery stores
Find one close to you at: www.plasticfilmrecycling.org
- Metro South Transfer Station**
503-234-3000
www.OregonMetro.gov
2001 Washington St., Oregon City




Medication

Keep your children and our water safe. Properly dispose of unused medication. It should not be flushed down the toilet! Many police and sheriff offices within Clackamas County have a drop box for unused medications. 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.

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

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

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

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




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.



Make a difference in YOUR community. Become a Master Recycler!

Over the last year, Master Recyclers have volunteered over 750 hours and talked with 11,600 people in our county



Master Recycler Kayla Schaefer talks about natural cleaners with a resident.

Every spring, Clackamas County hosts a class of 30 people who inspire neighbors and coworkers around recycling and sustainability – and inspire they have!

In 2017, Master Recyclers were busy in all areas of the county, engaging residents about: recycling, reuse and repair, cleaning with greener cleaners for a healthier home, and ways to waste less food and save money. Some of the terrific things they’re doing include:

Adopting farmers markets: They hosted monthly (and sometimes weekly!) booths at the Milwaukie, Canby, Oregon City and Mt. Hood farmers markets.

Hosting Repair Fairs: A passionate group of Master Recyclers in Milwaukie hosted the city’s first ever Repair Fair, where people could have broken items repaired by volunteers. Another group hosted one in West Linn, and others volunteered at one in Oregon City. Visit www.bit.ly/repairfairs for upcoming events.

Outreach at community events, workplaces, movie screenings and presentations: Master Recyclers attended over 110 events to share information and answer questions.

Writing articles for newspapers and community newsletters: Reaching new audiences about important recycling topics.

Door-to-door outreach at apartments: Recycling at apartments can be a challenge, but our rock star volunteers helped answer questions and improve recycling at 10 apartment complexes.

“I think it is important for all of us to get involved in our communities,” says Kayla Schaefer, Master Recycler from Class 62. “I really enjoy talking about ways to reduce our material consumption and also learning about what others do to reduce their waste ... it’s a great way to connect!”

Being a Master Recycler is about more than recycling – it’s about being part of a family of passionate people, helping communities, and inspiring others to think about conservation in new ways.



Master Recycler Paivi Panttila-Vargas promotes recycling at the Canby Farmers Market.

JOIN THE TEAM!

Join 1,500 Master Recyclers!

Registration for the Clackamas County class opens in January. To learn more and register, visit www.masterrecycler.org.

School Recycling Challenge begins Nov. 15

Schools and families: Recycle the most plastic film bags (bread bags, Ziploc and more) and get a chance to win a bench for your school.

1. Get started

Interested schools should contact Laurel Bates (lbates@clackamas.us, 503-742-4454) for assistance and to get started.

The challenge will start on America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, and end on Earth Day, April 22, 2018.

2. Collect plastic bags and wrap

Identify locations within your school where students, staff and families can bring their plastic bags. 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 another participating retailer.

What you can recycle: Clean and dry plastic grocery bags, packaging wrap, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc bags, bread bags, produce bags, ice bags and bubble wrap.

Please do not place plastic bags in your recycling at home or work! You may recycle them at many grocery stores.

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



Empower your inner fixer, learn to repair online



Repair fairs build community with local volunteers fixing household items.

You can find guidance online to repair almost anything. We often throw away and replace broken things without giving them much thought, but now we have more information at

our fingertips about how to fix things than ever before! Fix-it resources can empower us to try to repair, save money and keep items out of the landfill while learning something new. What do you have to lose? It’s already broken!

YouTube: A wide variety of fix-it channels are dedicated to repair, ranging from electrical and plumbing to appliances and sewing. These channels are geared toward people who have never fixed something and will walk you through the process step-by-step to help approach a repair project with confidence. Search for popular channels like *HouseImprovements* for big house projects, *FIX IT Home Improvement* for new homeowners, and *Professor Pincushion* for sewing skills.

How-to articles and discussion forums: Similar to YouTube, how-to articles often come with step-by-step pictures. Discussion forums are also a great resource. Chances are good that others have had similar questions on these

forums. A quick online search can help you find a forum specific to your repair project. Popular forums include *PC Tech Bytes* and *SewingForum*.

iFixit: This website aims to empower people to fix electronics like computers, cameras, cellphones, game consoles and cars by providing free repair guides as well as selling necessary tools and parts as a kit. This is a great resource for fixing cracked phone screens or computer speakers at home.

Still not ready to repair something on your own? Local options include repair shops or learning how to fix your broken item at a Repair Fair – events where skilled volunteers fix household items. To learn more about Repair Fairs in Clackamas County, visit www.bit.ly/repairfairs.

Remember, repairing can save you money and reduce your environmental impact, and you can impress your friends with your new skills!



Dog sports build trust, strengthen relationships



Laura Koehler and her Malinois Fennec, training at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

Editor's note: This article is by Laura Koehler, Behavior and Training Coordinator at Clackamas County Dog Services.

Hello! I am excited to be working at the shelter with staff, volunteers and most importantly the dogs!

I come from a background in dog sports and have been competing with my dogs for almost 15 years. I spend my free time traveling to competitions and seminars throughout Oregon, Washington and California. We are lucky to live in a region with so much enthusiasm for dogs.

There are many ways to have fun with your dog. The important thing is to try something that you and your dog might enjoy. Participating in dog sports can help build trust between you and

your dog that will lead to a stronger friendship. There are many ways you can engage your dog in activities that will challenge and exercise your dog physically and mentally.

Obedience trials: I started my dog sport journey with competitive obedience. The American Kennel Club (AKC) holds obedience trials in conjunction with many of its conformation dog shows. Obedience competitions have several levels, and each level requires different skills for the dog and handler to master. More at www.akc.org/events/obedience and www.ukcdogs.com.

Rally: The AKC also offers an obedience sport called Rally. Many people like to begin their AKC careers with Rally because the rules allow you to talk to your dog and provide as much encouragement as your dog needs. Rally is set up as a course you walk through with your dog. Throughout the course there are signs that tell you which skill to complete. More at www.akc.org/events/rally.

Agility: If you like something a little faster-paced, you might try agility. Agility courses are a bit like an obstacle course for your dog. There are tunnels, ramps, jumps and weave poles. I recommend finding a trainer who offers classes to teach you and your dog how to navigate these

exciting challenges! More at www.akc.org/events/agility and www.usdaa.com.

K9 Nose Work: You can challenge your dog's nose and problem-solving abilities with K9 Nose Work. The National Association of Canine Scent Work offers a fun sport that is open to virtually any dog. There are certified trainers throughout the Pacific Northwest who can help you train your dog to alert to different target odors. Once your dog is able to discern the target odors, your dog can be challenged to find odors in a variety of locations, including outside and even on a vehicle. More at www.nacsw.net.

DO YOU NEED AN ADVENTURE BUDDY?

Come to Clackamas County Dog Services, or visit www.bit.ly/clackcoadoptabledogs, and meet our adoptable dogs. One of them could become your new partner to explore the wide world of canine sports!

Checklist for finding a lost dog



Visit shelters often if you lose your dog, at least every three days.

Losing a pet is scary for you and your four-legged friend. At Clackamas County Dog Services, we work very hard to reunite dogs that arrive at our shelter with their owners. If your dog doesn't make it here, don't give up hope!

Follow this checklist if your dog goes missing.

☐ **Check your home thoroughly.** When an animal becomes scared or ill, they may hide in unusual places on your property.

☐ **Contact your veterinarian and microchip company** to ensure that they have up-to-date contact information for your dog in their records. Microchip companies can post a "lost" flag on your dog's microchip. Contact them immediately after losing your dog.

☐ **Report your dog as lost** and check the found dog listings on our website at www.clackamas.us/dogs/lostpets.html.

☐ **Check the wind direction.** Most dogs will travel into the wind to investigate scents they may have picked up in the air.

☐ **Create a scent trail.** Take an unwashed sock and cut it into quarter-size pieces. Starting in an area where your dog usually hangs out, drop a piece of sock every 100 yards. This can be especially helpful for senior dogs.

☐ **Plaster flyers in your neighborhood** within a 10-mile radius of your home.

☐ **Visit shelters often**, at least every three days. Shelters in the area include:

- Multnomah County Animal Services
www.multcopets.org
503-988-7387
- Washington County Animal Shelter
www.co.washington.or.us/pets
503-846-7041
- Marion County Dog Control
www.co.marion.or.us/CS/DogServices
503-588-5233
- Oregon Humane Society
www.oregonhumane.org
503-285-7722
- Humane Society of SW Washington
www.southwesthumane.org
360-693-4747

☐ **Contact veterinarians within a 20-mile radius.** If your dog was injured, they may have been taken to one of these local emergency vet clinics:

- VCA Northwest Veterinary Specialists
www.vcahospitals.com/northwest-veterinary-specialists
503-656-3999
- Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Tualatin
www.evcot.com
503-691-7922
- DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital
www.dovelewis.org
503-228-7281

☐ **Post in online community pages.** There is a list of dog-related facebook pages at www.clackamas.us/dogs/lostpets.html.

Find more information about searching for lost pets, free microchipping at monthly vet clinics and adoptable dogs at www.clackamas.us/dogs.



Take the lead, tag your pup!



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

Serving our four-legged friends

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

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 5:00 p.m.
503-655-8628
13141 SE Highway 212
Clackamas, OR 97015
www.clackamas.us/dogs



Adopt. License. Donate.

Free microchipping and rabies vaccinations offered monthly

As event participation grows, Dog Services responds to meet the needs of dog owners



Lots of county dog owners have been taking advantage of the opportunity to get free rabies vaccinations and microchipping for their dogs at clinics held on fourth Saturdays at Clackamas County Dog Services. In fact, the turnout has been so enthusiastic that we moved the clinic to a new location with more space near Dog Services.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, the Good Neighbor Vet Clinic will be available in the parking lot of Clackamas Feed & Pet Supply at 15374 SE 130th Avenue in Clackamas. While dog owners will still need to stop first at Dog Services, across the street

- at 13141 SE Highway 212, rabies vaccinations and microchipping will be done in the larger parking lot of Clackamas Feed. Here's how it will work:
1. Come to Dog Services between 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. any fourth Saturday to verify your dog's current license, or to purchase or renew your dog's license. (No appointment necessary.)
 2. Once the license is verified or purchased, our staff will give you an authorization form for the Good Neighbor Vet Clinic.
 3. Take your dog and the authorization form to the Good Neighbor Vet Clinic in the parking lot of Clackamas Feed & Pet Supply.
 4. Continue with your day – there's no need to return to Dog Services.
- Being a responsible pet owner means microchipping, vaccinating and licensing your pet as early as possible. When you dog is microchipped, you improve the chance of being reunited with your dog if they become lost or stolen. Free microchipping is offered in an effort to reduce the number of dogs that find their way to the county shelter, which further reduces the demand on finite resources at the shelter.

- ### Know before you go
- For additional veterinary medical or wellness service options provided by Good Neighbor Vet, visit www.goodneighborvet.com or call 888-234-1350.
 - To purchase or renew your dog's county license before the monthly event, visit www.clackamas.us/dogs.
 - For more information about the event, visit www.bit.ly/dogclinic or call 503-655-8628.



Clackamas Dogs Foundation FY 2016-17 Annual Report

The Clackamas Dogs Foundation (CDF) provides support and assistance to advance dog welfare in the county. CDF is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations to CDF are tax deductible. CDF works closely with Clackamas County Dog Services.

The graph at the right shows how CDF funds were used from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.



Emergency veterinary care

CDF funds emergency surgery for dogs needing critical medical care before they can be adopted. To date, eight dogs have been saved, including Puck (pictured) who came to the shelter with two broken bones.



Dog assessment and training

CDF funds the shelter's Dog Behavior and Training Coordinator, who evaluates all dogs at the shelter for behavioral and training needs. The coordinator also helps volunteers train dogs to facilitate successful adoptions.



Low-income spay and neuter

The low-income spay and neuter program is a crucial resource for the community. CDF works with local veterinary clinics to provide free spay and neuter services for dogs whose owners wouldn't otherwise be able to afford these important procedures. These efforts have reduced the number of stray dogs in the county.



Veterinary equipment

CDF purchased a heated surgery table that helps maintain a dog's core temperature while allowing for proper patient positioning during surgery.



Volunteers

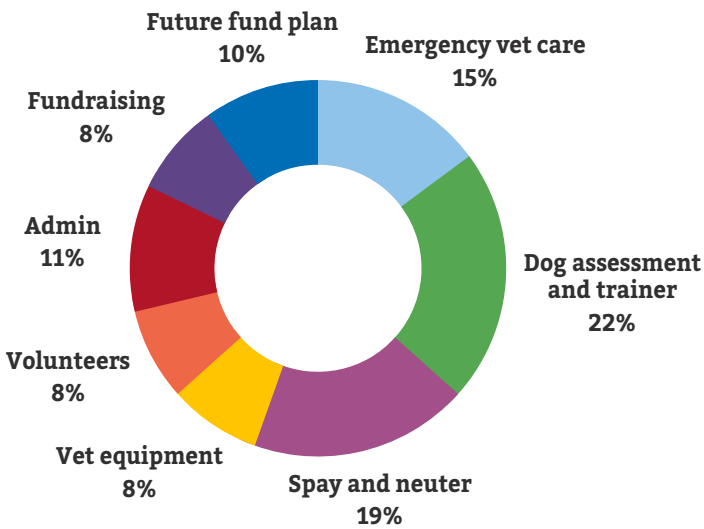
Volunteers are crucial to day-to-day shelter operations. CDF provides funding for recruitment, training and appreciation efforts for the 100 plus volunteers at the shelter. Last year, volunteers performed over 4,700 hours of valuable service like housekeeping, potty-walking, dog training and administrative support.



The future

During FY 2016-17, CDF began to chart its course for a sustainable future by adopting the following strategic directions.

- Continue to fund and develop programs that support dogs in need.
- Develop a 3-5 year fundraising plan to support CDF programs.
- Develop and implement a social media and technology plan to reach key CDF goals.
- Increase knowledge and awareness of CDF and its mission.
- Increase partnering with other organization serving the dog community.



JOIN US & DONATE!

Join over 100 volunteers in providing care to dogs at the shelter, or donate money to support our many programs.

To learn more, contact Sarah Holcombe, Volunteer and Fundraising Coordinator, at 503-722-6729 or sholcombe@clackamas.us.

Visit CDF's Facebook page (facebook.com/ClackamasDogsFoundation) or website (clackamasdogsfoundation.org) for current projects and information on the many ways you can get involved.

Libraries, cont'd from page 1

The new self-check stations read small stickers containing a small microchip and antenna, which have been placed in all library materials.

By reading these tags, the new self-check stations allow patrons to check out multiple items at once, simply by placing a stack of items on the machine's glass shelf. Patrons can also easily check their account status (including overdue items, account balance, and holds), and renew items right from the station. In the coming months, patrons will also be able to view recommended e-books and check them out from the self-check stations as well!

"The response to the new self-checkout machines from both library staff and library patrons has been overwhelmingly positive," says Greg Williams, Clackamas County Library Network Manager.

Oak Lodge Library Manager Mitzi Olson added, "Our patrons are delighted with how fast and easy the new self-checks are."

The new self-check machines are one component of a larger, cooperative county-wide RFID implementation project, which included applying



RFID stickers to approximately 1 million library items, upgrading staff and patron circulation technology, and implementing additional RFID-related materials handling and security technologies at some locations. The project brings LINCC libraries up-to-date with current industry technology, allows more efficient handling of library materials, and offers library staff the opportunity to focus more on direct patron service.

Visit one of your LINCC libraries to see and use the new self-check machines! For information about a library near you, visit www.lincc.org. Library cards are free for all residents.

Preparing for winter

COUNTY ROAD CREWS WORK 24/7

During the winter, our Transportation Maintenance Division has the extra challenge of keeping roads safe in all kinds of weather.

In the fall, staff prepare by training with the winter equipment. Then, once we receive a winter storm forecast, we divide the work force into two 12-hour shifts to provide 24/7 coverage. With 1,400 miles of county roads, we prioritize which roadways to work on first, based on emergency vehicle access, safety and meeting the needs of the most people.


- Though every storm is different, roads are generally plowed in the following order:
- Plowed during the storm to keep them open:
 - > Priority 1: Major routes with moderate to high traffic
 - > Priority 2: Roads with moderate traffic that collect neighborhood traffic and steep roads serving residential areas
- Plowed during work hours when staff and equipment are available:
 - > Priority 3: Minor collector routes, urban residential roads and rural local roads with moderate to low traffic
- Plowed during work hours when and if staff and equipment are available:
 - > Priority 4: Urban residential cul-de-sacs and rural local roads with low traffic

ASSISTANCE WITH POWER BILLS

Clackamas County Health, Housing & Human Services Department facilitates the Energy Assistance Program, which may be able to assist low-income households with a payment toward heating bills.

You may be eligible if you don't have a past-due notice, and you may be eligible even if you pay your bill every month. There is assistance available for a variety of energy needs, including electric, natural gas, oil, propane, wood and pellets.

For more information and to learn if you qualify, visit www.clackamas.us/socialservices/energy.html or call our Social Services Division at 503-650-5640.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

You may be eligible for help with your power bill

- You don't have to have a past-due notice.
- You may be eligible even if you pay your bill every month.
- Assistance is available for a variety of energy needs.

ASISTENCIA DE ENERGÍA

Usted podría ser elegible para una ayuda en su factura

- Usted no necesita tener una factura vencida.
- Usted puede ser elegible aunque pague su factura cada mes.
- Asistencia está disponible para una variedad de necesidades de energía.

Помощь По Энергоснабжению

Вы можете получить помощь в оплате вашего счёта

- Вам не обязательно иметь не оплаченный счёт.
- Вам может быть предоставлена помощь даже если вы платите каждый месяц.
- Помощь доступна для различных потребностей в энергии.

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income (before taxes and deductions) 2017-2018
Tamaño de vivienda	Ingreso Mensual Bruto (Antes de deducciones e impuestos)
Количество людей в семье	Доход за месяц (до вычетов и налогов)
1	\$ 1,924.58
2	\$ 2,516.75
3	\$ 3,109.00
4	\$ 3,701.16
5	\$ 4,293.33
6	\$ 4,885.50
7	\$ 4,996.50
8	\$ 5,107.58

Each additional member add \$111
Cada Persona adicional agregue \$111
Для каждого следующего члена добавьте \$111

Call Clackamas County Energy Assistance to find out more
Llame al Condado de Clackamas Asistencia de Energía y averigüe
Звоните в Округ Клакamas Помощь по Энергоснабжению
чтобы узнать больше más

503-650-5640
www.clackamas.us/socialservices

Health, Housing & Human Services
CLACKAMAS COUNTY



VIDEO SPOTLIGHT

The county is donating old equipment to generate interest in technology and engineering, and support local nonprofits/schools through our nonprofit, Technology for Teaching (T2). Our Technology Services Department supports education opportunities. Watch at www.bit.ly/technologyforteaching.

DONATING TECHNOLOGY



The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District is developing a unique piece of property in the Rock Creek area of Happy Valley into a new park. The project will provide public access to a hidden waterfall. Get a glimpse of this new park at www.bit.ly/HiddenFallsGroundbreaking.

HIDDEN FALLS



Key partnerships keep the Clackamas River a source of safe drinking water



The Clackamas River can get dirty. Anyone can swim, float or fish in it. Urbanized areas, including highways and construction zones, plus agricultural and industrial businesses, are within a few feet of it. Pollutants, such as E. coli, metals, and pesticides are a constant threat. Despite these threats, the Clackamas River is a vital source of safe drinking water for 300,000 customers due to the work of highly valued key partnerships.

Clackamas County’s partnerships for clean water include government agencies and non-governmental organizations working together to ensure the health of the Clackamas River Watershed for both the public and the environment. A recent example includes the county’s Water Environment Services’ (WES) Carli Creek Water Quality Project, a 15-acre facility under construction along the river. Portland General Electric’s Clackamas River Hydroelectric Project Mitigation and Enhancement Fund is helping with the facility’s restoration elements. When completed, it will reduce surface water pollutants coming from the nearby industrial area and improve the creek’s habitat.

“PGE, Oregon Fish and Wildlife, and the Clackamas River Basin Council are key partners that have been with us every step of the way to make this project happen,” said WES Surface Water Manager Ron Wierenga.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality recently praised the county’s shared efforts in education and outreach plans, technical assistance for pollution prevention and reduction, and hazardous materials spill risk analysis and emergency planning. These efforts were recognized by the National Association of Counties (read the article at www.bit.ly/2uzPiU4). Key partners include Clackamas River Water Providers (CRWP), Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center, and Clackamas County Fire District #1. Collaborative efforts have also resulted in a new cash rebate and free technical assistance program to help businesses upgrade spill prevention equipment to protect the river. Applications are available online at www.clackamasproviders.org.

Also, as part of this partnership, WES worked with Project Payback, an at-risk youth rehabilitation program, to install markers within Clackamas Industrial Area’s street drains to notify the public that these drains flow to the river.

To learn more about WES and its local and regional partnerships and programs, or to report a spill, please contact WES at 503-742-4567 or at www.clackamas.us/wes.

Community comes together to help Multnomah in Eagle Creek Fire response



County agencies and volunteer organizations assisted Multnomah County residents needing their large animals transported out of the Eagle Creek Fire evacuation area last month.

The Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization Animal Multi-Agency Coordination Group, made up of animal welfare agencies from the Portland metropolitan area, took immediate action to coordinate animal evacuation efforts.

Sound Equine Options and their substantial network of volunteers and livestock trailers evacuated over 500 animals from affected areas. The Clackamas County Fairgrounds housed 146 livestock, with donations from Union Mills, Wilco Farm store, Coastal Farm and Ranch, Home Depot and Cutsforth’s Thriftway. The Clackamas County Sheriff’s Posse volunteered over 400 hours, staying around the clock with animals at the fairgrounds. Livestock were also sheltered at BRN4D Arena in Oregon City, Oregon Equestrian Center and other private locations. The Clackamas Volunteer Fire Association board gave \$1,000 to Sound Equine Options to provide hay and other supplies to shelter locations.

VCA Animal Hospitals and Sequoia Veterinary Clinic provided care to three animals.

OSU Extension Service marks 100 years



As part of its agriculture efforts, OSU Extension Service staff blast a drainage ditch on an Oregon City farm in 1951.

The Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service has reached a milestone, as 2017 marks its centennial for serving Clackamas County residents. It all started in August 1917, when the first Extension Agent – a home economist – came to the county as part of a new program sweeping across the United States. The bold federal initiative placed university faculty members in every county in the nation in an effort to bring new knowledge and informal education to both rural and urban populations, as well as the next generation of leaders, our youth.

“The idea to bring the university to the people – with the latest research and science-based information to help communities solve local problems – was truly unique and never done before,” said Mike Bondi, the extension’s longtime Regional Administrator in Clackamas County.

The mission hasn’t changed much. Today, the Extension is credited with being the driving force behind transforming American agriculture and farming to be the most productive in the world. The Extension is also known for its 4-H youth programs, as well as tackling a wide range of critical issues facing women and the elderly.

Over the years, the Extension has done it all: from spreading food safety information during the early 1900s to helping popularize the use of victory gardens – reducing pressure on the public food supply – during World War II. Today, the Extension’s programs include:

- **Trees and Forests:** Cutting-edge education/ research support for forest property owners and managers.

- **4-H:** Youth (ages 5-18) participate in after-school programs, enrichment activities, and camps.
- **Family and Community Health:** Creating healthy and safe environments where people can live, work, learn and play.
- **Community and Urban Horticulture:** OSU’s Master Gardener program trains new community volunteers every year who provide gardening and landscaping information to the public.
- **Agriculture:** OSU’s North Willamette Research and Extension Center in Aurora helps regional farmers access research-based information on crop systems.

Next up for the Extension is a new Education Center being built in Oregon City on the county’s Red Soils Campus. The new facility, which may break ground next year, would be the first-ever designed specifically for the Extension’s education and community outreach activities in Clackamas County. Visit www.extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas/ to discover more about what the Extension offers.

A Flood of Information 2017

Preparing for Rising Water



Are you prepared for flooding? Learn how you can take steps to protect your home and family.

Join us!
Nov. 11, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive,
Milwaukie, OR

www.bit.ly/FloodOfInformation