

Budget approved

Clackamas County Commissioners approved the fiscal year 2018-19 budget in June. The budget, which incorporates special districts and agencies that commissioners oversee, stands at just over \$1.1 billion, with \$847 million general county budget.

The budget is aligned to the Board of County Commissioners' priorities, as outlined by the county's results-based strategic plan, Performance Clackamas. More about that plan can be found at www.clackamas.us/performance, but its five priorities are:

- Build public trust through good government
- Grow a vibrant economy
- Build a strong infrastructure
- Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities
- Honor, utilize, promote and invest in our natural resources

The budget provides a stable level of financial resources to maintain current services. Commissioners and county officials are dedicated to providing responsible financial stewardship of taxpayer money. Highlights from the past year include:

- The county and Gladstone signed an agreement to move toward the construction of two new libraries (in Gladstone and Oak Lodge).
- Our Drive to Zero transportation safety program reports a fatal crash count of 28 in 2017 compared to 44 in 2016. Our program includes curve signing, all-way stops, and intersection safety enhancements.
- Our Water Environment Services department is launching an aggressive and significant capital investment effort. This year it anticipates breaking ground on the \$35 million solids handling project at the TriCity Plant and proceeding with its planned \$19 million refurbishment of the Kellogg Plant.
- We facilitated 151 dog adoptions and returned 590 dogs to their owners in 2017.

The inclusive budget process takes about 10 months. A budget committee made up of commissioners and five residents conducts a thorough review to make recommendations, which the board then considers and finalizes. The transparent process involves county departments and agencies presenting their proposed budget to the full budget committee. These are recorded and available (with accompanying materials) to the public at www.clackamas.us/budget.



Clackamas County high school students help promote safe driving

From left to right: Ari Vest, Lake Oswego High School; Caroline Yackel, Lake Oswego High School; Emmaline Laurence, Clackamas High School; Anna Persell, Sandy High School; Kara Atiyeh, Sandy High School; and Ronan Chen, Lake Oswego High School. See the winning art from the Drive To Zero media contest on page 12.

What is your safe route to school?

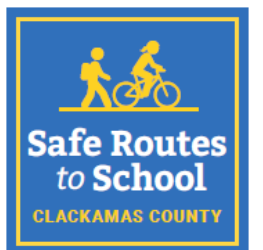
It's time to start thinking about the upcoming school year, including how students get to and from school safely every day. Clackamas County's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program helps schools create safe walking and bicycling conditions for elementary and middle school students.

The county is currently working with eight schools in the North Clackamas, Estacada and Lake Oswego school districts, helping them organize special events to encourage parents and children to walk, bike or skate to school. We've also been developing action plans with the schools to identify

infrastructure changes needed to improve safety. A project must be identified in a planning document in order for the county to apply for upcoming SRTS infrastructure funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

SRTS programs increase safety for all sidewalk and roadway users around schools by:

- Educating students and families about how to walk and roll safely
- Increasing driver awareness of families traveling near schools
- Informing community members about transportation options to decrease the number of cars on roads near schools
- Improving individual health and well-being by promoting active transportation options



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Krupp’s Korner:
*Combating the
opioid crisis*

Dear Clackamas County residents:

I hope you are all having a safe and pleasant summer.

Like the Board of County Commissioners, I am dedicated to ensuring your experience in Clackamas County is as enjoyable as possible. That’s why, years ago, commissioners created five strategic priorities that help guide what we at the county do to serve you. One of these priorities is: “Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities.”

The national opioid crisis has not spared Clackamas County. Commissioners and I are intensely concerned about this, and are putting resources where we can to help those in need because opioids, not properly utilized, can cause serious issues in our county.

You should know the county and our partners are taking innovative actions to stem the effects of this nationwide epidemic, and our area has received national attention for it.

A recent piece on NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt focused on opioid use in the Portland metropolitan area, and highlighted how local emergency responders are helping. One highlight: paramedics from Clackamas Fire District No. 1 and Clackamas AMR as our area’s first “community paramedics.”

These paramedics don’t just show up for emergencies, but follow up with overdose patients in the days and weeks that follow, directing people to resources on their paths to recovery. We are hopeful that this innovative approach will work to cut down on opioid-related overdose incidents by changing the focus to a recovery-oriented system of care.

A subsequent story on KGW-TV further detailed this new follow-up program, and relayed the county is set to expand it to include peer recovery mentors what will provide support to overdose survivors waiting for comprehensive treatment.

This is just one action we’re taking. Another is the recent expansion of our prescription drug take-back sites. These mailbox-style drop boxes are available for anyone to come drop off their unused or expired prescription drugs.



The KGW story featured the county’s Public Health Program Coordinator Apryl Herron (second from right). Full story at www.bit.ly/2JkqniT.

Properly disposing of these medications prevents people from misusing them and becoming addicted, decreases the chances of theft by others visiting the person’s home, and prevents contamination of local waterways through improper flushing of these drugs down toilets.

These drop boxes are located throughout the county. There’s assuredly one close to you, and I strongly encourage you to use them. Locations include:

- Canby: Canby Police Department
- Dave’s Prescription Shop
- Clackamas: Clackamas County Sheriff’s Main Office
- Gladstone: Gladstone Police Department
- Happy Valley: Happy Valley Police Department
- Milwaukie: Milwaukie Police Department
- Molalla: Molalla Police Department
- Oregon City: Police Department
- Beavercreek Health Clinic in Oregon City
- Hilltop Behavioral Health Center in Oregon City
- Sandy: Sandy Police Department
- West Linn: West Linn Police Department
- Wilsonville: Wilsonville Police Department

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. Together, we can all do our part to help stop this deadly epidemic.

Sincerely,

Don Krupp
Clackamas County Administrator

**Oak Lodge/Gladstone
Library Update:**

On May 15, Gladstone voters approved a new library, with more than 69 percent of the vote! This action sets the stage to move forward with planning the construction of a new library in Gladstone

Stated Clackamas County Chair Jim Bernard, “This is a momentous occasion that moves the residents of Gladstone closer to realizing their long-held community goal of a new library. I want to congratulate Mayor Stempel, the members of the Gladstone City Council, City Administrator Jacque Betz and other city staff on this victory, and thank them for all their hard work.”

Bernard continued, stating: “This is another example of Clackamas County successfully working with one of its cities toward a common goal. We look forward to our continued cooperation with Gladstone on this project.”

This proposed library will work in a two-branch system with the new Oak Lodge Library. Each will bring improved library services, amenities, and opportunities to the Gladstone and Oak Lodge communities. This is a great opportunity for Clackamas County and city of Gladstone to partner on a project which will have long-term benefits for residents.

Next steps will include a robust visioning process to learn more about community needs for the new library space. Find more information and ways to get involved by visiting www.clackamas.us/libraryplan.

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**Mulino Hamlet
Family BBQ**

Come share in free family fun!

Saturday, August 25
5:30 p.m.

Mulino Elementary School
26660 S. Highway 213
Mulino, OR 97042

▪ Free food

▪ Live music

▪ Bouncy house

▪ Cruise-in -
Bring your cool cars!

▪ Coco, the movie, at dusk!

Commissioners recall good times at the Fair



Who loves carnival games? Pony rides? Elephant ears? Think you have what it takes to make the best blueberry pie this side of Mount Hood?

It’s that time of year again! The annual Clackamas County Fair and Rodeo is slated for Aug. 14-18. There is something fun for everyone to get out and enjoy at our region’s flagship annual event.

And remember, the Fair is quite affordable! The following prices are good for single-day admission:

Adult (13+)	\$9.00
Juniors (7-12)	\$5.00
Children (under 7)	FREE!
Seniors (65-74)	\$5.00
Diamond Jubilee (75+)	FREE!

There are great discounts and specials on certain days for children, seniors, first responders and veterans. Check out www.clackamas.us/fair.

In fact, the Fair is free on Thursday, Aug. 16 until 3 p.m. **That’s the day of the county commissioners’ weekly Business Meeting at the Fair, slated for 10 a.m.** Come on out!

Commissioners, Fair Board reach agreement



In May, the Board of County Commissioners signed a lasting agreement with the Board of the Clackamas County Fairgrounds & Event Center that solved key issues, such as a needed clarification of the rules, policies and procedures to conduct fair business; and protection for the county from liability related to the center.

Stated Commissioner Ken Humberston: “This kind of joint effort is what our residents and fair-goers deserve and expect. We cannot let bureaucracy stand in the way of delivering good service and reaching amicable solutions that are in the best interest of the public. Everyone involved in this resolution ... should take pride in their efforts that have made today possible.”

We caught up with all five commissioners to ask them about their fondest memories at their county fairs.

Read their responses below and see you there!



Commission Chair
Jim Bernard

“So my family is from St. Paul, and we used to run the rodeo out there. It wasn’t until I became a commissioner that I went to a rodeo here. But since I used to collect tickets, and my family’s from the farming industry, I kind of feel a kinship to the rodeo and the fair. And when a previous commissioner was leaving [Bill Kennemer, in 2008], he said you have to take care of the fair, and I so I became the liaison, and I still feel the same way. The fair is an important part of the community, and we need to take care of it, and make sure it’s here for many, many more years to come.”



Commissioner
Sonya Fischer

“What I love most about the fair is the smile on people’s faces and how engaged everyone is with each other. Communication is spontaneous, children are joyful and friendships are born and nurtured. My favorite moment last year was helping to serve cookies with seniors in the grange hall. It was simply so much fun – connecting with all the fair goers. So much fun to simply share our lives, our stories and, of course, amazing home baked cookies.”



Commissioner
Ken Humberston

“In the ‘50s and ‘60s, I rode with the carnival business. So at 9 years old, I was what they called ‘hockin a pitch in the carnival,’ and I learned to ride because when I wasn’t hockin a pitch I would ride ponies and lead ponies, and I could ride horses for free, so that’s what got me interested. And now I go to this Fair, and it’s what it was in the ‘50s and ‘60s, and that’s one of the reasons that I volunteered to be the liaison to the Fair Board. It’s a great country fair, it’s a great rodeo, and I want to see it continue in the same way.”



Commissioner
Paul Savas

“My kids were born and raised here in the county, and we used to go to two fairs: ours and the Clark County Fair. We actually went before our kids were born. And I watched the evolution of the Clark County Fair, and I felt they lost a lot of the character that it once had, and so I thought, well, if our county facilities ever need to be improved, keeping that character is really important.”



Commissioner
Martha Schrader

“I lived most of my adult life in Canby, and my friends and I – when we had small children and toddlers – would go on Tuesday, which was kids day, and we would get in for half price, and the rides were half price. That was the only thing the kids wanted – was to go on rides all day. That’s also the place where I got my first blue ribbon in honey.”

Water Environment Services begins upgrades at Kellogg facility

Water Environment Services (WES) is dedicated to ensuring that reliable and affordable wastewater treatment services will be available to its customers for decades to come, which means WES’ equipment and infrastructure must continue to meet the demands of a growing population.

As part of its commitment to the future, WES has started to refurbish and upgrade the 44-year-old Kellogg Water Resource Recovery Facility near downtown Milwaukie, where aging equipment will be replaced with state-of-the-art technology.

WES determined that one of the major upgrades needed is to improve odor control by covering a large tank called an aeration basin that plays a key role in breaking down pollutants. Additional improvements include the replacement of aging pipes, pumps and electrical systems to bring the facility up to full operational capabilities.



“These upgrades will put WES and Kellogg in an excellent position to provide dependable and cost-effective services for our customers for the next 20 to 30 years,” said WES Director Greg Geist.

WES is scheduling and sequencing construction at Kellogg to keep the facility fully operational while the project is underway. The impact of construction on the surrounding area will be minimal.

The facility was originally designed to treat 25 million gallons of wastewater every day. Together, the Kellogg facility and WES’ Tri-City Water Resource Recovery Facility in Oregon City clean a combined six billion gallons of wastewater every year for more than 165,000 customers.

WES also works with the city of Milwaukie and the Good Neighbor Committee (GNC) to make safety and aesthetic improvements in the area surrounding the Kellogg facility. In 2013, WES helped Milwaukie establish the GNC committee to minimize the impact on surrounding neighborhoods by deciding how to spend a “good neighbor fund” established by WES and the city.

To learn more about WES, please visit www.clackamas.us/wes.

County staff support student-led development of Sustainable Stormwater Selection Guide

Clackamas County recently supported a team of Portland State University (PSU) Civil and Environmental Engineering students on a class project to create a stormwater toolkit.

The students developed the Sustainable Stormwater Selection Guide as part of their senior Project Management and Design course. The guide is designed to be used by the county Department of Transportation & Development (DTD) to choose the best solutions for treating and retaining rain water runoff from roads.

Stormwater management rules and regulations help protect property, the environment and public health from water runoff from hard surfaces, such as sidewalks, bikeways, roads and other developed property. Currently curbside planters, rain gardens, ponds and other features are used to collect and filter stormwater. It can be challenging to choose the best way to manage the stormwater for each unique set of circumstances.

In fall 2017, county staff submitted a project proposal to the PSU Capstone program to address the issue of how to select stormwater management solutions for capital projects. Students in the program worked together to develop, complete and deliver solutions, explained PSU instructor Patrick McLaughlin, an engineer who served as mentor and advisor on the project. The project began in January 2018 and was completed in June.

With support from county staff, the students’ final Sustainable Stormwater Selection Guide summarized types of treatment, outlined criteria and set up flow charts to narrow down potential stormwater practices that would work for specific locations.

“Site selection parameters make it easier to arrive at a couple of solutions that might work by making the design project manageable. The students really enjoyed working with county staff and their exposure to industry, and were thrilled to be included in this project.” said McLaughlin.



PSU Capstone Students working with county Planning, Engineering and WES staff to design a “Sustainable Stormwater Selection Guide”

County Associate Civil Engineer Chris Hass said, “Clackamas County’s stormwater standards are unique due to the variety of districts and cities within our county. Each jurisdiction is working towards the same end goal, but with a different approach. Some jurisdictions prefer to implement Best Management Practices but do not have a decision-making process to use one specific practice over another for different circumstances. The goal of this project was to create a selection process that gives the designer the ability to make a judgment call for different Best Management Practices with limited information. It’s also a platform that the county and other jurisdictions can use to discuss how Best Management Practices are implemented and create a more uniform approach to addressing stormwater regulations within our region.”

Hass reflected, “Being a Portland State grad myself, I remember the same pressure the students were going through at the end of their college careers. Being able to relate my work experience back to the classroom has helped make this project successful. As a designer, one might get stuck designing the same thing time and time again. I am hopeful this Capstone project has given the students more options in their tool box to face unique and complex situations in their careers.”

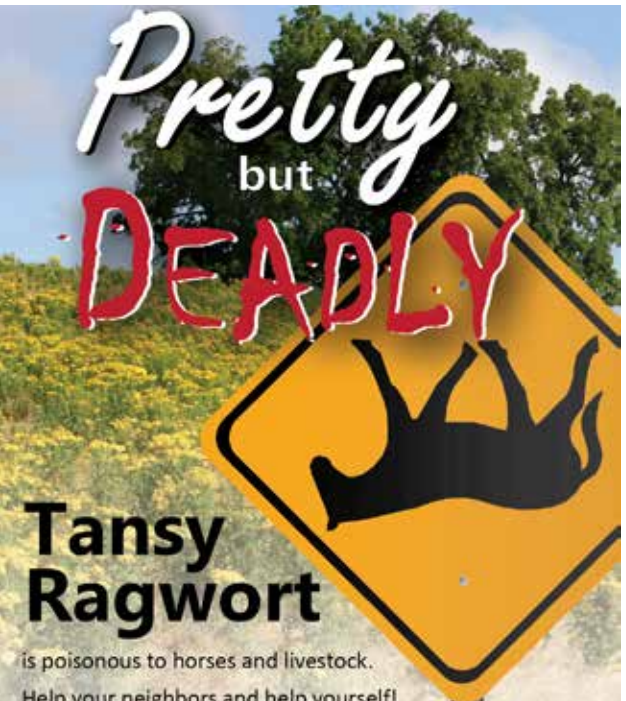


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WATER ENVIRONMENT SERVICES
clackamas.us/wes
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Clackamas County Water Environment Services uses state-of-the-art technology to clean 6 billion gallons of wastewater every year.



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www.invasiveplantcontrol.org

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Water Environment Services partners with SOLVE for summer waterway cleanups



More than 100 volunteers removed more than 1000 pounds of trash from the 3 Creeks Natural Area during the kickoff event for the Summer Waterway Cleanups.

Since May, Water Environment Services (WES) has partnered with the nonprofit SOLVE for dozens of cleanups at waterways and other natural areas throughout the region. SOLVE is a statewide organization that brings volunteers together to remove litter and other debris from parks, neighborhoods and natural spaces.

The “Summer Waterway Cleanups” series, which runs through Aug. 31, gives volunteers a firsthand opportunity to learn that what is on the ground can end up in area waterways due to stormwater runoff, which is the leading cause of water pollution in Oregon.

The thousands of volunteers who have taken part in the cleanups include students, businesses, community groups, county employees, environmental activists and area residents who want to make a difference in their communities.

WES partners with organizations and nonprofits engaged in watershed stewardship and water-quality improvement efforts to help protect public health and the environment. SOLVE mobilizes and trains volunteers of all ages to clean and restore natural areas.

“It’s a perfect match,” said WES Director Greg Geist. “WES and SOLVE share a mission to build a legacy of environmental stewardship while educating people about watershed health and water quality protection. The result of this fruitful partnership has been the removal of thousands of pounds of trash and, subsequently, healthier waterways.”

In 2017, volunteers working under SOLVE’s direction removed almost 350,000 pounds of trash from public areas throughout the state.

In 2016, WES and SOLVE worked with volunteers from the cities of Gladstone and Oregon City to clean up the High Rocks area along the Clackamas River.

Spurring Cross-Laminated Timber

Clackamas County continues to advocate for – and take steps to promote – a burgeoning cross-laminated timber (CLT) industry.

CLT is the next phase of the mass timber industry. Products are customized, cross-layered wood panels that have enhanced strength and stability. Panels are created by gluing layers of wood together.

This industry has the potential to create 6,100 direct and 17,300 indirect jobs in Oregon over the next 15 years. Key employment areas helped by a CLT expansion include loggers, architects, engineers, mill workers and construction workers. Plus, CLT has a lower carbon footprint than traditional building materials like concrete or steel.

We want to lead this burgeoning industry by developing a supply-increasing pilot program that can spur rural economic development. We’re advocating for more forestland to be used specifically to provide supply for CLT. Just 1,000 acres would initiate our program. That’s less than 1 percent of the renewable forestland within the county.

Discussions have been held regarding incorporating CLT in the new county courthouse. We look forward to keeping you updated about our progress!



Protecting the Clackamas River

The Carli Creek Water Quality and Habitat Project is underway!

The project is nearing the next phase of construction that includes the creation of a large engineered wetland that will use plants and soils to filter and treat surface water runoff from the area before it enters the Clackamas River—a vital source of drinking water for more than 300,000 people and home to an abundance of wildlife including salmon and steelhead that need clean water to live.

Carli Creek is situated within a 438-acre watershed located downhill from industrial properties next to the river. This area was built-up before surface water management requirements were in place to remove pollutants from runoff. New development must meet these requirements to protect public health and the environment.

Surface water runoff is the #1 cause of water pollution.

Owned for decades by the Silvio Carli farming family, the 15-acre project site includes Carli Creek and the land between the creek and the river. Water Environment Services (WES) acquired the land in 2012 to restore natural systems to clean the runoff and to improve habitat. Support for this project comes from Surface Water Ratepayer funding and a grant from the Portland General Electric Clackamas Fund.

To learn more about how WES is protecting watersheds, go to clackamas.us/wes



Welding together a path forward

A 32-year-old man’s dream of becoming a welder took a giant step forward recently.

A county staff member referred the young man, a longtime resident of public housing, to our Community Solutions for Clackamas County.

Community Solutions is a department of the county that provides employment and training services to individuals with significant challenges to finding and keeping employment. Services include individual career counseling, resumé preparation, skills training and customized job placement.

The young man came to the program with little work experience, never having held a competitive job. He began exploring career options with a workforce specialist in our Employment Investment Program (EIP), which builds on an individual’s desire to become self-sufficient and helps create a plan for achieving successful employment. The plan includes connecting with community partners to coordinate additional services and build a support network.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

We offer customized employment services for Clackamas County residents. Our services are targeted at increasing the employability and wage potential of special populations, including individuals managing a mental illness, people with corrections histories, people on public assistance, veterans, and the long-term unemployed.

For more information, go to:
[www.clackamas.us/
communitysolutions/
employment.html](http://www.clackamas.us/communitysolutions/employment.html)

Since enrolling in EIP, the young man completed a welding program at Clackamas Community College and became a certified welder this past January. Community Solutions later coordinated a two-month work experience assignment with a local metal fabrication company. The employer noticed their new employee was willing to take on any task with a positive, can-do attitude. At the conclusion of the program, he was offered a regular, full-time position, with a starting wage of \$16.50 per hour, plus benefits.

Accomplishing his goals gave him a tremendous sense of pride and the ability to see his potential, the man later said. He appreciated the patience and support of his workforce specialist, saying he personally “stayed motivated and [moved] forward because somebody took time.” He is now hoping to further his career by taking advanced welding classes and has begun dreaming about owning his first home.

New "Ask the Question" project to decrease stigma of suicide

For most of us, it is uncomfortable to talk about suicide – it brings up complex feelings so we tend to shy away from the topic. The unfortunate reality is that almost all of us know someone who has struggled with thoughts of suicide, survived an attempt or died by suicide.

Reducing the number of deaths by physical illnesses has been a top priority, but the number of deaths by suicide continues to be on the rise. There is one death by suicide every five days in Clackamas County – 16 percent higher than the national rate. And that number is going up.

This needs to change, and it will take all of us to make that change happen.

Clackamas County is partnering with the Clackamas County Arts Alliance on an important photography project to break down the stigma around suicide.

The Ask the Question Project aims to build awareness about the impact of suicide through portraits and interviews that represent people who have survived a suicide attempt. We want to give people the opportunity to share their story, put a face to the statistics around suicide, and show that the people who struggle are not just numbers, but our friends, families, coworkers and ourselves.

The Arts Alliance has commissioned two artists, Mic Crenshaw and Julie Keefe, to interview suicide attempt survivors who have volunteered to participate and share their stories. The artists will create an exhibit that will be showcased at a kick-off event on September 10, World Suicide Prevention Day, when mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.

The Ask the Question Project is inspired by Dese Rae L. Stage’s, Live Through This project, which is a collection of portraits and stories of suicide attempt survivors, as told by those survivors. Stage will be the keynote speaker at the Sept. 10 event, and will speak to her work and how it is helping break the stigma around suicide, while inspiring artists nation-wide.

The Ask the Question Project is funded by Oregon Humanities, Clackamas County Cultural Coalition, Behavioral Health Division and Clackamas County Arts Alliance.

The exhibit will rotate to various locations throughout the county. Find more information at bit.ly/atqproject.

Resources for Help


If you are struggling or worried about someone, please reach out for help:

- Clackamas County Crisis Line
503-655-8585
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255
- Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255, press #1
- The Trevor Project Suicide Prevention Lifeline for LGBTQ youth
1-866-4-U-TREVOR (866-488-7386)

Oregon Youthline
Call: 877-968-8491
Text: teen2teen to 839863
Chat: online
Email: youthL@linesforlife.org

Suicide Prevention

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Join us and be part of forming the

Coalition for Suicide Prevention

in Clackamas County

Tuesday, Oct. 16

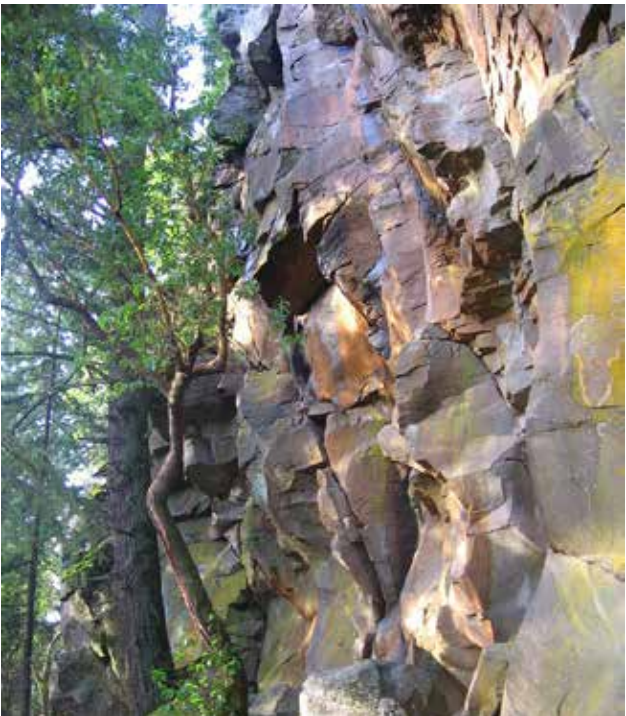
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Oregon City Library

606 John Adams St., Oregon City, 97045

Let us know what you think!
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Enjoy the Madrone Wall Park!



In late July, Clackamas County opened the Madrone Wall Park for its first full season.

The defining feature of this beautiful site is the 120-foot basalt wall that bisects the property. The wall brings with it nesting Peregrine falcons, which are federally protected. The park is off-limits from February until mid-July, when the baby falcons can fly safely.

Along with the wall, the site derives its name from the many striking Madrone trees in the area. With sweeping views of the nearby Clackamas River, and a couple of cool hiking trails, Madrone Wall is a stunning location.

Come enjoy the newest gem of our park system! Learn more at [www.clackamas.us/parks/
madronewall.html](http://www.clackamas.us/parks/madronewall.html).

County moving forward with housing goals

Housing Affordability & Homelessness Task Force

The stark realities of affordable housing were on display this spring as the Housing Affordability and Homelessness Task Force convened for the first time in May.

This group, made up of county staff, leadership, partner agencies and others, was formed to address the affordable housing and homelessness issue in the county. There were nearly 2,300 people identified as homeless in last year’s count and this task force will serve to engage the community and move toward solutions.

While task force members attend monthly two-hour meetings during the course of 16 months ending in June 2019, the county has been busy with several different housing-related projects.

Housing Authority Celebrates

First, the Housing Authority of Clackamas County in June celebrated 80 years of serving our most vulnerable residents. In 1938, the county’s housing authority became the first in the state. It sought to serve the housing needs of some of the county’s most vulnerable and low-income individuals and families – including our neighbors, friends and coworkers. Now, 80 years later, the Housing Authority has a budget of approximately \$18 million as it owns and manages nearly 625 rental homes. It also serves as a tax credit partner for another 264 homes while it administers 1,664 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) vouchers. Principal sources of income include rental income, fees, federal grants and investment income.

The anniversary celebration also served as a kickoff to the Hillside Master Plan project. Hillside Manor is a nine-story, concrete tower with 100 apartments in Milwaukie. Built in 1970, Hillside Manor primarily houses seniors and people with disabilities. This building – often referred to as the tallest building in Clackamas County – is set to undergo a comprehensive rehabilitation. The rehabilitation will improve the quality of life for current and future residents, and extend the building’s viability for years to come.

Also in June, the county celebrated the groundbreaking event for Rosewood Terrace, which will provide 212 units of affordable housing in partnership with Pedcor Investments of Carmel, Indiana. This project, located in Happy Valley, will consist of several four-story, wood framed structures and will offer various types of units.

Clackamas County Veterans Village

Clackamas County is getting closer to the day when people will be able to move into a temporary, transitional shelter community.

The Clackamas County Veterans Village is a community that will be for adult military veterans from Clackamas County who are homeless. The 1.5-acre site sits near the corner of 115th Avenue and Jennifer Street in Clackamas.

Residents of this community will be selected through referrals and screenings by county staff, veterans and social service agencies and support organizations. They will be provided with health care, counseling and other supportive services through the county, non-profits and other organizations to help them transition from this community to more permanent housing.

On June 27, the Housing Authority of Clackamas County celebrated their 80th anniversary with residents and partners.



On June 13, Clackamas County Commissioners and partners celebrated the groundbreaking of Rosewood Terrace, an affordable housing project that will house more than 200 families when it’s completed in the winter of 2020. This project provides needed workforce housing during a housing crisis and helps Clackamas County reach its goal of 800-1,200 new affordable homes in the next seven years.



The Housing Affordability and Homelessness Task Force met for the first time on May 23. Task Force members represent businesses and the community. Their purpose is to gather information and make near-term recommendations on regulatory changes and mechanisms that will foster the maintenance and development of affordable housing for all income levels, including the homeless. To learn more, visit www.clackamas.us/homelessness/taskforce.html.

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Ready for School? The library can help!



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TEACHERS ASK:

I want to bring library books into my classroom - can I do that?

YES! Teachers who live or teach at a school in LINCC's service area are eligible for our new Educator Cards. With this card you can support your classroom with more checkouts, longer loan periods and no overdue fines! See this site for more details: www.lincc.org/educators

Is there anything else you do for teachers?

YES! Each LINCC library is unique, but many of us offer library tours, classroom visits, and help finding materials that match your curriculum needs. Just stop by and ask!

STUDENTS ASK:

I'll be doing lots of BOOK REPORTS this year. Can you help me find good books?

YES! Our librarians love to help people find books they might enjoy reading – just think of us as your personal book finders.

I'm doing the OBOBs this year - do you have those books?

YES! We have titles from the Oregon Battle of the Books, Oregon Reader's Choice Award, and the Beverly Clearly Children's Choice Award. Many are also available as eBooks.

What about help with HOMEWORK?

YES! Need information for a science project? We've got it!

Need information about an historical event? We have it! Writing about the pros and cons of an issue? We have information about all sides! Just ask and we'll show you all the library has to offer.

PARENTS ASK:

Uh-oh – the library is closed and my child's work is due tomorrow! Can I get information/ eBooks when the library isn't open?

YES! We've got thousands of reliable resources and digital books available 24/7 on our website. Go to www.lincc.org and click on the link for "Online Resources" or "eBooks & eAudiobooks."

Do I need a library card to access all these services?

YES! It's super easy to get a library card, and in most cases they are absolutely free. Sign up at your local LINCC library today.

Visit your local LINCC library or check out www.lincc.org for more information.

The bridge at Rock Creek Hidden Falls was installed on May 23. Locally designed, supplied and installed by Western Wood Structures, the bridge is made with douglas fir and adds to the natural beauty of the scenic Hidden Falls. Located in the Rock Creek area, this new 21.3 acres of wooded natural area will also include a paved multi-use trail that will provide bike and pedestrian access between public facilities. The park is expected to open in late 2018. Get a glimpse of the falls and learn more about the park by watching the latest #ClackCo TV video at www.bit.ly/HiddenFallsComingSoon.



North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) celebrates development of Wichita Park

Neighbors and partners came together on June 13 to break ground on construction of Wichita Park. This 1-acre parcel in the Linwood neighborhood of Milwaukie will be transformed into a neighborhood park that includes a new playground, walking path, water fountains, picnic tables and benches and an open turf area.

The event included a groundbreaking ceremony, BBQ and refreshments and games and crafts. Representatives of North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, the City of Milwaukie, Oregon State Parks, Linwood Neighborhood Association and Lango Hansen Landscape Architects kicked off plans to begin construction on this neighborhood park.

"I am pleased to see construction begin on this park," said NCPRD Director Scott Archer. "The community has worked diligently with NDPRC and the City of Milwaukie for many years to see this project come to fruition. It will be a great addition to the Linwood neighborhood."

The original Wichita Park Master Plan was adopted into the Milwaukie Comprehensive Plan in 1999



and was updated by the Linwood Neighborhood Association and passed by the Milwaukie Planning Commission in 2014. The following year NCPRD and the City completed the initial set of construction drawings with detailed cost estimate.

In October 2016, NCPRD and the City were awarded a \$265,000 grant from the State of Oregon's Land and Water Conservation Fund to cover roughly half of the cost to develop the Park. An Intergovernmental Agreement between NCPRD and the City was approved by both the NCPRD Board and Milwaukie City Council in March 2017.

Construction on Wichita Park is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. For more information, contact the Planning & Development Manager, Kathryn Krygier at kkrygier@ncprd.com.



For the fourth consecutive year, Clackamas County Commissioners and employees, along with family and supporters, marched in the Pride NW Parade.

Meet Tami Little: New Clackamas County Assessor



Assessor Tami Little (center) was appointed by the full Board of County Commissioners in early May.

In early May, Clackamas County Commissioners unanimously appointed Tami Little as the new Clackamas County Assessor. This action followed the retirement of Bob Vroman, who resigned his position a few days prior after 11 years in the role. Vroman recommended that Little succeed him.

Little now oversees our Assessment and Taxation Department, which is tasked with administering state property tax laws, including appraisal, assessment, tax collection and mapping services for property taxpayers and taxing districts. #ClackCo Quarterly caught up with her to pose a few questions about her role and time at the county.

What attracts you to the duties of the County Assessor?

It's a number of things. First, I have a lot of experience in this area, and I enjoy it immensely. I've been working in this office for 34 years – the past nine of which I've been the Deputy Assessor. Being here has allowed me to perform a wide range of work that has really developed my knowledge base. I'm genuinely interested in what we do.

Second, it's challenging. Our duties and work processes can change every legislative session,

because everything we do is governed by statute and mandated by the state. I've had the opportunity to testify in Salem, work on state legislation, and serve as President of the Oregon Association of County Tax Collectors.

I've been very fortunate to play a key role in major software conversions, and in the implementation of two state constitutional amendments: 1991's Measure 5 [limits education taxes and government taxes at \$5 and \$10 per \$1,000 of real market value, respectively] and 1997's Measure 50 [limits assessed value increases to 3 percent annually, in general].

Next, I work with an incredible group of people. We're all sad that Bob Vroman retired. He was one of those great people – a real mentor to me. But our whole staff is exceptional. They are creative and dedicated people. With limited resources, we find ways to be more streamlined and efficient and get our work done. We're always looking to be more efficient and improve the public experience. We do a very good job at that.

And last, but not least, we have a culture here in the Assessor's office of providing great public service. It meets the county strategic goal of "Build public trust through good government." My staff goes out of its way to do that. I want to continue that culture.

You've been with the county for nearly 3.5 decades. Where did you start here?

Well, I guess you could say I started in the mailroom, and now I'm the Assessor! It really is an honor to have this opportunity. I've been very fortunate.

I started as an entry level Office Specialist, where I worked the front counter, the switchboard, did some filing, and delivered the mail. When I started, I was the youngest person in Assessment & Taxation. There were 81 other people in the department. Not one of them still works here. The last person retired about 8 years ago. I've seen it all!

What's one thing about the Assessor's Office that people don't realize?

Some new residents are surprised that we don't set the value of a property to its purchase price, like they would see in California. Also, people sometimes think that all of the money collected goes to the county, whereas it actually gets distributed to the different tax districts.

What's the most challenging part of the job, and what's the most enjoyable part of the job?

I love the challenges. Particularly challenging is reacting to the legislative changes, and meeting the needs of legislators when they need information in the middle of a session.

The most enjoyable part is helping residents and taxpayers that have questions and need our help. Plus, I love being part of the community. I've lived in Clackamas County 40 years, I'm a local, I raised my kids here. I love it here.

We'll end with a question we asked our two new commissioners last year. What was the first concert you attended?

Ooh, this will age me. But it was a Bread concert. But I loved the Eagles and the Doobie Brothers too. Those were my bands.

Little will hold the position until a successor is chosen in the November general election and is sworn in the following January. Visit www.clackamas.us/at for information on the department.



VIDEO



Timber games

Over 200 students from around Oregon participated in the second annual Future Natural Resource Leaders at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest outside Oregon City. This two-day event featured a variety of workshops and competitions to develop the next generation of workers in natural resource fields. Check out the video at www.bit.ly/FutureNatResLeaders.



#ClackCo Small Grant Awardee: The Father's Heart

The Father's Heart Street Ministry provides food, clothing, and showers to the homeless out of their facility in Oregon City. They were awarded a #ClackCo small grant that helped provide additional showers, toiletries and new underwear. Watch the video at www.bit.ly/streetministry.





Sheriff's Office earns national award for 'Drive with a Cop'

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office has been working hard to keep teen drivers safe, and now they've been recognized for that work. The National Association of Counties (NACo) honored the sheriff's office for its safe teen driving event, "Drive with a Cop," where new teen drivers learn about the dangers of distracted driving and how to stay safe on the road.

The event brings together experts in teen driving safety, families who have lost loved ones in teen car crashes and law enforcement for an impactful day of learning.

"Car crashes are a leading killer of young people nationwide," said Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts. "We are honored to receive the NACO Award for our efforts to reduce teen fatalities on the road."

The NACo award honors innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

NACo President Roy Charles Brooks said, "Counties seize opportunities to deliver services more efficiently and build stronger communities every day. Achievement Award-winning programs are examples for counties that are determined to enhance services for our residents."

"Drive with a Cop" was honored in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety category. Nationally, NACo gives out awards in 18 different categories that reflect the services counties provide.

NACo recognized award-winning counties at its 2018 Annual Conference and Exposition in July in Nashville, TN.

Watch a video about Drive with a Cop at bit.ly/2xVoR2r

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 rivers.
- You don't have to be in a 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, Beavercreek, Milk Creek and Cedar Creek.

County staff are available to provide specific flood



and flood-related data, make site visits to review flood, drainage and sewer problems, and advise and assist on retrofitting. 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 an 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.

Flood insurance covers buildings and their contents. More information about flood insurance is available at www.clackamas.us/planning/floodinsurance.html.

Oregon Department of Revenue invalidates Happy Valley boundary change

City remains part of NCPRD

In June, the Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR) ruled that the city of Happy Valley did not follow appropriate state law in withdrawing from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD).

The ruling rescinds a previous approval of the boundary change by DOR. This means that Happy Valley remains part of NCPRD.

Essentially, the state statute that governs boundary changes for special service districts (like NCPRD) establishes a process for withdrawal which would require approval of Clackamas County Commissioners and potentially a vote of residents of the entire district.

The state's ruling came in response to a procedural inquiry from the Clackamas County Assessor earlier this year.

"We are as surprised as the residents of Happy Valley at this turn of events, but we're going to comply with state law," stated NCPRD Director Scott Archer. "A lot of work from our staff went into this assumed withdrawal. We had already sent numerous notifications to the residents of Happy Valley announcing this change, and we had been gearing up to keep things operating as smoothly as possible."

One such action was charging Happy Valley residents with out-of-district fees for district programs beginning July 1, 2018.

For those Happy Valley residents who paid the higher fee, Clackamas County is providing refunds for the difference in cost. If you have not yet received your refund, but believe you are entitled to one, please contact info@ncprd.com. s County Administrator Don Krupp stated at the June 21 Business Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, "It's important to note that the county, and the county commissioners, have never objected to the city's withdrawal from [NCPRD]."

That video, along with a clip of Chair Jim Bernard detailing his attempts to amicably resolve the issue, are available on the #ClackCo YouTube page at www.youtube.com/ClackamasCounty.

Complicating matters, Happy Valley referred a ballot measure to this past May's election, asking city voters to establish a levy for parks and recreation services. This measure passed under the assumption that Happy Valley had properly withdrawn. The city of Happy Valley will now need to decide whether to assess that levy.

NCPRD was formed as a taxpayer-funded service district in 1990 and Happy Valley voters opted into the district in 2006. NCPRD serves more than 122,000 total residents. Of these, over 80,000 reside in unincorporated northern Clackamas County including Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge, unincorporated Milwaukie, and east of I-205. Additionally, NCPRD serves over 40,000 combined residents in the cities of Happy Valley and Milwaukie.

More information about the change and an FAQ can be found at www.ncprd.com.



Upcoming events

There are numerous activities and events this summer. From the County Fair to the Community Festival, there is something for everyone!

August 7 | 5:30 P.M.

National Night Out

Neighbors host block parties, festivals, cookouts and other community events showcasing safety demonstrations, emergency personnel and more. To find events near you visit www.natw.org.

August 14 - 18

County Fair

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

August 25 | 5:30 P.M.

Mulino Hamlet Family BBQ

Come share in free family fun! Come enjoy free food, live music, bouncy house and watch Coco, the movie, at dusk! Mulino Elementary School 26660 S. Highway 213, Mulino, OR 97042

August 25 / September 22

Canby / West Linn Repair Fairs

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

September 8 | 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Clackamas County Community Festival

The county's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Counsel hosts its 7th Annual Community Festival. Live music and local food vendors. For info or to register for a booth, email mariamag@clackamas.us. 2051 Kaen Rd., Oregon City 97045.

September 9

Down the River Clean Up

Join 300+ river-lovers in their rafts, kayaks, drift boats or snorkel masks to scour the banks and bottom of 20+ miles of the Clackamas River. For more info visit www.bit.ly/2u66UK0.

September 15

Stafford Family Fest

Play games, eat yummy food, tour Fiala Farms, dance to live music and visit booths from Stafford Hamlet businesses and community groups. For more info or to volunteer, visit www.staffordhamlet.com/hamlet-family-fest.

October 18 | 10:18 A.M.

Great Shake Out

Practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:18 a.m. on October 18 during this Earthquake Drill. Learn more at www.clackamas.us/shakeout.

Updates

Volunteer Opportunity: Concord Property & Library Task Force

Earlier this year, North Clackamas Park and Recreation District (NCPRD) finalized a Strategic Partnership agreement with the North Clackamas School District which included the acquisition of the Concord School in Oak Grove. Concurrently, Clackamas County is also moving forward with planning for a new Oak Lodge Library. In an effort to be efficient and transparent, the county and district will be engaging the community to help determine the best use for the property and path forward for the library. This will include a task force made up of community stakeholders. Recruitment for the Concord Property and Library Task Force is open through August 13. To learn more, visit www.clackamas.us/community.

Small Grants Program accepting applicants

The county is currently accepting applications for the Small Grants Program. The goal of the program is to provide funding to organizations who help the most vulnerable residents of the county.

A total of \$300,000 will be distributed to local organizations. Last year, 46 groups were selected for grants ranging from \$850 to nearly \$15,000.

Organizations must apply before 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16. Visit www.clackamas.us/bcc/smallgrants.html for more information.

For more information, contact Board Assistant Caroline Hill at 503-655-8261.

Upcoming Trainings

Conflict Management Training | September 12 & 13

Are you interested in managing conflict in the workplace or at home? This two-day training will provide conflict resolution models and interactive exercises to help you manage conflict constructively. \$480. Full info at www.bit.ly/CCRSupcomingcourses, contact rs@clackamas.us for more information.

Mediation Training | September 12,13,18,19 & 20

Learn the process of conflict management and the skills of mediation through role-play exercises with professional mediator coaches. \$1,200. Payments are due by Sept. 6 to reserve a seat. Limited scholarships may be available based on financial need. Full info at www.bit.ly/CCRSupcomingcourses, contact rs@clackamas.us for more information.

Oregon Trail marks 175th Anniversary

This year marks the 175th commemoration of the Oregon Trail. The 2,170-mile trail was a wagon road that stretched from Independence, Missouri to the official end in Oregon City, Oregon.



Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory – the county's tourism arm – has worked with partners in the county to tell the trail's past and current stories via social media. In addition to these heritage sites, tourism staff is working with modern pioneers who carry on the enterprising spirit that built Clackamas County. These modern pioneers may be business owners, makers and leaders carrying on the entrepreneurial spirit of the original pioneers who set off on the trail 175 years ago with the dream of a better life.

You may know some of these people, or be one yourself. We invite you to follow along, share your photos with #oregontrail175 on Instagram, and plan your own Oregon Trail trip. Get involved at www.mthoodterritory.com/oregontrail, and see you on the trail!



From left to right: Jeana Fisher, Brooke Zenor, Rachel Karyakos, Michelle Rickles, Kristi Grinstead, Heidi Dew, Sommer Pointer, Sara McClurg, Lindsay White Laura Garrett and Amy Willman.

County staff set an example for students at Women in Trades Career Fair

Staff from the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, Transportation Maintenance Division and Water Environment Services participated in the annual Women in Trades Career Fair in Portland this past spring, where they informed and inspired middle and high school students with hands-on activities and stories from the field.

Canby Ferry alternatives feasibility study continues, public meeting in November



Clackamas County is studying the long-term financial feasibility and traffic impacts of alternative ways to cross the Willamette River between Canby and Wilsonville.

Currently the Canby Ferry carries up to six vehicles at a time across at the Willamette River during daylight hours. The ferry is limited by external conditions (water level, inclement weather) and space for vehicles, and costs the county considerably more to operate than it generates.

In June, the public attended an open house to learn more about the feasibility study and share their ideas on what factors the county should consider.

The county is looking at the feasibility of six possible alternatives for crossing the Willamette River at the ferry location:

1. Canby Ferry – continue service
2. Canby Ferry – discontinue service
3. Bridge (no toll) – continue ferry service
4. Bridge (no toll) – discontinue ferry service
5. Toll Bridge – continue ferry service
6. Toll Bridge – discontinue ferry service

The study of financial factors, potential traffic impacts and related factors – including those raised by the public in June – is continuing.

Another public open house will be held in November to report back what we’ve learned about the impact of each of the options and gather additional feedback. Commissioners will review the study results in late 2018. No further action will be taken without additional public input.

The study is not expected to produce any recommendations; just information on the impact of each option.

Details about the feasibility study and the October open house will be available at www.bit.ly/canbyferryoptions. For more information, please contact Principal Transportation Planner Stephen Williams at 503-742-4696 or swilliams@clackamas.us.

Safe Route cont'd from page 1

Four more schools will be added to the program this fall. 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.

Transportation Safety Action Plan update, next steps

We’re working to reduce traffic crashes

Every year more than 130 people are killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes on roads in Clackamas County. We’re working is to eliminate these crashes in by 2035. Since research shows that human error is a factor in more than 99 percent of crashes, we need your help to make the roads safer for everyone!

County transportation safety engineers are updating our Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) to help meet our goal. The new plan will look at key crash causes and factors including the roadway, the vehicle operator and the vehicle itself. Analyzing this data will provide valuable information so the county can develop strategies to improve transportation system safety for all travelers – motorists, transit-users, bicyclists and pedestrians.

How you can help

We’ve incorporated public feedback from an initial open house into our new plan. Now we need interested members of the public to review and comment on the draft plan this fall. Sign up for project updates on the project and learn more at www.drivetozero.org.

Additional ways you can make our roads safer:

- **Be a safe driver:** Find safe driving tips at www.drivetozero.org.
- **Report safety problems on our roads:** Let us know about any safety issues you see on our roads by going to www.bit.ly/roadconcern, emailing roadconcerns@clackamas.us or calling 503-557-6391.
- **Send us your ideas:** Email us at DrivetoZero@clackamas.us with ideas about how to reduce crashes or to let us know about specific locations where you think we could improve safety for motorists, bicyclists and/or pedestrians.

Students remind us to drive safely



High school students in Clackamas County remind you to practice safe driving whenever you get behind the wheel! The students in the photo on page one created thought-provoking poster artwork for this year’s Drive to Zero safe driving media contest.

See the winning posters at www.drivetozero.org, and watch for at least one of them at Clackamas Town Center and on an area billboard.



Clackamas County Sheriff's Office



SUMMER SAFETY SPECIAL!

**Enjoying the water or a hike this summer?
The Sheriff's Office has a few safety tips for you.**

Hitting the water? Remember these swimming and boating safety tips:

Clackamas County residents are taking to the river to boat, swim, float and fish as we enter the dog days of a hot summer. The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office once again reminds everyone to take steps to make those experiences both fun and safe.

Drowning is a preventable tragedy. By the time you realize you're in trouble, it's already too late. But some basic safety practices can prevent that.

First and foremost, the Sheriff's Office urges people to wear **personal floatation devices (PFDs)** while swimming in local waterways. Even a good swimmer can be overcome quickly by injury, cold, exhaustion, or fear.

Also important: Attempting to rescue another swimmer in distress is very dangerous. Trained rescuers teach and use a protocol called **"Talk, Reach, Throw, Row"**:

1. TALK. First, **call 911** — then talk to the person and see if you can coach them to swim to you on shore or to a boat.

2. REACH. Next you can try to reach to them by extending a pole, branch, or inflatable boat. Do not allow them to grab hold of your body, as they may

unintentionally try to pull you in.

3. THROW. You can throw a distressed person a life jacket, life ring, rope or any other object that will help them stay afloat.

4. ROW. If necessary, use a boat to get to the person.

Here are some general boating and water-safety tips, gathered from the National Institutes of Health and other sources:

- **Check river conditions before going out on Clackamas County rivers.** The water is often colder than you think, particularly in the spring. Underestimating river depth, swiftness and temperature has led to several tragic drownings on county waterways in recent years. Don't dive into water unless you're sure of the depth, and don't let poor judgment turn you into a sad statistic.

- On a related note: **Be knowledgeable of the water environment and its potential hazards.** Make note of deep and shallow areas, currents, depth changes, obstructions and entry and exit points. If you aren't sure you're swimming in a safe place, **don't swim.**

- **Learn CPR.**

- **Never swim alone.**

- **Know your limits** — don't over-exert yourself.

- **Avoid drinking alcohol during water activities, including swimming, diving and boating.** Do not drink while supervising children. The risk is high and the consequences can be lethal. And remember: **Alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited in Clackamas County parks**, except in paid campsites and by permit in reserved picnic areas.

- **Do not leave children unattended around water.** This includes wading pools and bathtubs. Also, provide children with swim lessons.

- If you operate a powerboat, be sure to get your **Boater Education Card**, and respect **"No Wake Zones."**

- **All boats, no matter how big or small, need one wearable PFD for each person on board.** Children under age 12 need to wear PFDs at all times while the boat is underway.

And remember these tips for safe hiking:

Clackamas County is 60 percent Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service land — and every summer, the Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue team is called to find people who become lost or injured in remote parts of the county.

CONTINUED ON BACK

Sheriff's Office recognizes employees for smooth transition to new records system

Last fall the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office installed a new records-management and report-entry system called **Mark43**.

At the recent Sheriff's Office Awards Banquet, **Sheriff Craig Roberts** honored the employees who helped select, implement and launch it in record time.

"The new system better fits our needs," said **Capt. James Rhodes**, who was part of the Mark43 transition team. "It allows our deputies to be more efficient when reporting



— creating more time for proactive policing and community engagement. It's also streamlined the work for our Records Unit, which runs 24/7. We've seen an increase in self-initiated activity and community contacts since the switch. Deputies are spending more time on the street."

At the May 5 Awards Banquet, the Sheriff's Office recognized the 24 members of the Mark43 transition team, pulled from across the Sheriff's Office divisions, as well as members of the Records Unit who successfully made the transition while maintaining those 24/7 operations.

Key in the Awards Banquet recognition was the *speed* of the transition. In May 2017, the Sheriff's Office gave notice: It would leave its former records-management system by the end of the year.

It was a popular decision, but also a bold promise: It gave the Sheriff's Office just seven months to get Mark43 up and running.

The core employee teams included an Agency Sponsor, Program Manager, Communications Manager and Implementation and Training Team — two dozen Sheriff's Office employees in all. In seven months they negotiated a five-year, million-dollar contract, completed a "Train-the-Trainer" course, and engaged in product testing.

On Dec. 13, the group launched Mark43. And in two weeks, the training team taught the entire office how to use it.

"We're told no one has ever launched a Mark43 product that fast," said Capt. Rhodes. "The training time and staff cost to get it running were a dramatic improvement. The previous system required 3,052 hours in overtime and comp time. Mark43 took less than 370. The savings for the taxpayer are going to be substantial — now and long-term."

The Oregon City, Milwaukie, West Linn, Canby, Gladstone, and Molalla Police Departments have also successfully transitioned to Mark43. The system is compliant with the **National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**, used by U.S. law enforcement agencies to collect and report crime data. ♦

SHERIFF'S CORNER

Camp HOPE: a great experience for kids affected by violence



**SHERIFF
CRAIG ROBERTS**

Dear Clackamas County residents:

As you read this, a very special summer camp is underway.

We're proud supporters of **Camp HOPE Oregon**. It's a week-long summer camp on Mt. Hood and year-long mentoring program that supports children who have witnessed or experienced family violence.

These experiences offer hope and healing to impacted children.

Camp HOPE started in California in 2003; it was developed by my friend **Casey Gwinn** of the National Family Justice Center Alliance. Working with Clackamas Women's Services, A



Safe Place Family Justice Center and other partners, we launched it here in 2014. The results have been dramatic. The camp fosters resilience and positive character traits and promotes healing through active play and recreation.

You can find a video about Camp HOPE on our YouTube channel, and read more about the program — and learn about ways to support it — at www.tinyurl.com/camphopeoregon. Please consider supporting this very special experience for these children. You could make a huge difference in their lives.

— Sheriff Craig Roberts

Summer Safety CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Here are some tips for having a safe and fun experience in our forests this summer:

1. Bear in mind any medical problems you may have, and do not push the limits of your physical abilities.

2. Think ahead about possible emergencies you might encounter and how you would handle them. What if you got lost or injured? What weather might you encounter? Bring equipment and supplies that will sustain you in the event of these types of situations. It could save your life.

3. Never hike alone or allow young ones to wander off by themselves. If you're hiking to a remote location, you should have at least four members in your party. That way, if one of you becomes injured, one can stay with the injured party while the others go to find help.

4. Take emergency signaling devices and cell phones. Emergency signaling devices are available for rent at many Mount Hood locations. Remember that cell phones do not always work in remote locations and your battery may die before you are rescued.

5. Research the location of the closest ranger station or public telephone before you start your trip.

6. Leave a copy of your planned itinerary with a responsible person, including the make, year, model and license plate of your car, the food, water and equipment you are bringing and the time you are expected back. Include a complete list of all people who will be joining you on your hike and their associated cars. Do not change your itinerary without notifying someone.

7. Make sure your vehicle is in good working order, can handle the types of roads you will encounter, and has plenty of fuel.

8. Make sure you have a current and accurate map of the area and a compass. ♦

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