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Designation helps protect tree canopy, property values

BY **SHELLEY MCFARLAND**

Did you know that Happy Valley is designated a Tree City USA? The national program encourages cities to increase their urban tree canopy and celebrate the function and beauty of trees.



TREE CITY USA

Started in 1976, Tree City USA helps cities manage their tree population by providing specific guidelines to promote and expand green growth. To become a Tree City USA, a city needs annual approval while following four specific guidelines:

- Celebrate Arbor Day
 - Maintain a city tree board
 - Craft and enforce a city tree ordinance
 - Spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry
- More than 3,400 cities nationwide have earned

the Tree City USA designation. Happy Valley has been on the list since 2004.

“We submit the application each year and make sure the requirements are met. We also work closely with our public works department and partner with Friends of Trees to do tree plantings. It’s a coordination between the planning division and public works,” said Michael Cynkar, associate planner for Happy Valley.

Currently, Happy Valley spends \$4.50 per capita on urban forestry. The city has a detailed tree removal ordinance. As Happy Valley grows, wide-ranging consideration is given to how developers replace the tree canopy.

The per capita funds are spent on tree pruning, tree maintenance, plantings, rights-of-way, and removal of hazardous trees. The benefit to being a designated Tree City USA are far-reaching: Increased tree plantings help curb erosion, aid in stormwater management, boost property values, create cleaner air, and build a strong sense of neighborhood within communities.



COVER: From a distance, an aerial photo of Happy Valley shows a tree line of a heart. **ABOVE:** Numerous trees are planted throughout the year. The city spends \$4.50 per capita for urban forestry.

Urban growth

As the city grows, the planning department considers more than just structural plan reviews.

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Cynkar, who earned a master's degree in urban planning from Portland State University, explained that when commercial, large-scale development begins, mitigation is usually done on a 1:1 ratio — for every tree removed, one tree must be replaced.

The developer is required to have a certified arborist prepare a plan for review including an inventory of species, size of the tree, and health of the existing trees. Once the planning department reviews the plan, they determine the required mitigation. And though mitigation is typically 1:1, oftentimes, depending upon the location, mitigation could be 3:1. In other words, for every tree removed, three are replanted.

"Whatever their mitigation ratio or total ends up being, we'd prefer that the mitigation happens on-site, but we do allow off-site mitigation as long as it's within the city," Cynkar said.

To offset the on-site mitigation, trees could be planted in recreation areas, open-space tracts that surround the city or neighborhoods that need it.

This year, Arbor Day is Friday, April 27.



Moving to her own beat

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

From a young age, Hannah Reid became involved with philanthropic work.

While in kindergarten, she joined the Girl Scouts, which propelled her down a path of charitable works. Today, the 14 year old is close to earning her Silver Award, which is the highest honor a middle school-level Scout, called a Cadette, can earn. A Girl Scout Silver Award is half of a Gold Award; the Gold Award is equivalent to a Boy Scout's Eagle Award.

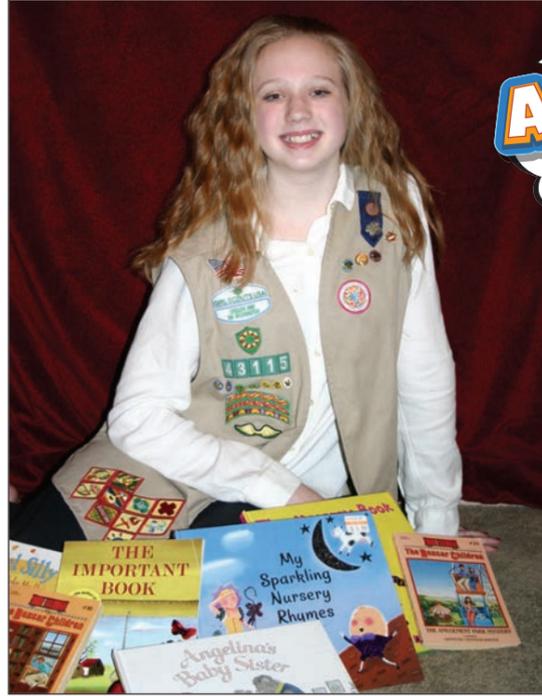
"We decided on Girl Scouts versus other organizations because we liked the opportunities to learn and grow. We had no idea how much Girl Scouts would become such a big part of our family's lives," said Brandy Reid, Hannah's mother.

Reid, an eighth-grader at Happy Valley Middle School, is no stranger to hard work. Along with her charitable endeavors, Reid takes classes at Studio One Dance academy and is a multi-instrument musician playing the piano, trumpet and the baritone horn. Her 11-year-old sisters, Audrey and Sydney, also are Girl Scouts.

"Hannah is a delightful young lady. She has a servant's heart and is kind, loving and we feel honored to be her parents. Hannah loves to dance. She enjoys being active and reading," Brandy said.

Together with her troop, Hannah has sold thousands of cookies to help fund enjoyable Girl Scout activities, such as an excursion to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, summer camp, art night at Ceramic Cafe, and a teddy bear-making experience at Build-a-Bear Workshop.

They also collected hundreds of



Hannah Reid recently held a book drive for the local nonprofit The Clackamas Bookshelf.

boxes of Girl Scout cookies, which were donated to the Oregon Food Bank, Backpack Buddies, local police and fire departments, teachers and overseas troops.

"Through Girl Scouts, Hannah has had many opportunities to serve the community," Brandy said.

Reid and her troop have collected shoes for donation, volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank, made dog treats and cards for the local animal shelter, crafted cards for seniors, and walked in parades. Her troop also partnered with the local Boy Scout troop to help serve lunch to seniors at a retirement home on Veterans Day. And though Reid's charitable works with the Girl Scouts seem daunting, she enriches

her community through other altruistic services as well.

"I have helped out at numerous events at my grandparents' church. My mom and I have volunteered as elves at her company's children's party for a couple of years now. And I have been working in a second-grade classroom at Happy Valley Elementary School on Wednesdays. I really enjoy working with kids and watching them learn," Reid said.

Reid and her mom are members of the Sunnyside Chapter of the National Charity League, a philanthropic organization dedicated to improving lives in communities through mother-daughter partnerships. Recently, through NCL, Reid became involved with local non-

■ Hannah Reid's passion for dancing, Scouting helps build a better community

profit the Clackamas Bookshelf, which donates new and slightly used books to children in Clackamas County.

"Hannah is halfway done with her Silver Award. The award requires 50 hours of leadership service. Hannah has been hard at work with the Clackamas Bookshelf to earn this award," Brandy said.

At the Clackamas Bookshelf, Reid has collected books, organized a book sale, coordinated two local parade entries, created new T-shirt designs that she presented at a board meeting, and set up a book donation box at her school. In 2018, Reid plans to create YouTube videos for the nonprofit to help other volunteers with procedures.

Reid's parents call her a bold, yet generous and caring girl.

"We want Hannah to continue to learn, grow and enjoy her youth. Eventually, we will want Hannah to find a career that fits her personality and allows her to continue enjoying her passions. We want Hannah to continue to serve the community she lives in and be a light in the world," Brandy Reid said.

For now, Reid is content to continue her philanthropic work in Happy Valley, but is planning for her future. She plans on staying on the West Coast for college, earning an early-education degree and teaching elementary students.

When asked what interests her in her spare time, Reid responded with "dancing, reading, dancing, baking, dancing, playing with my sisters, dancing while watching TV, and in the kitchen when I cook. Actually, everywhere I go, I end up dancing."

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Happy Valley Community Garden Registration is **OPEN**



The Happy Valley Community Garden will begin accepting applications for garden plot reservations this month. There are a total of 29 raised bed garden plots in the Happy Valley Community Garden. From Feb. 1-14, returning gardeners in good standing are eligible to renew their garden plot; however, a renewal application must be received by Feb. 14. After Feb. 14, remaining plots will be available to gardeners looking to join Happy Valley's community garden. New applications can be submitted through March 15 or until all plots have been assigned. Application forms and a garden plot map can be found on the city website www.happyvalleyor.gov.



The Community Garden Season opens April 15 and goes through Nov. 15. This is a great place to grow your own fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. It is also a great way to meet other residents with a passion for gardening. The garden is open to any resident of Happy Valley that is 18 years or older. Raised bed garden plots are available at no cost, in two sizes (5'X5' or 5'X10'). Plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

The City of Happy Valley is proud to provide the community with a garden that is all-organic and free from chemicals. The garden location is behind the Public Works shop that adjoins the southeast border of Happy Valley Park located at 13770 Southeast Ridgecrest Road.



Those who have their own garden space, but who enjoy discussing gardening techniques and learning from fellow gardeners can still be involved in Happy Valley's gardening community. The Com-

munity Garden regularly hosts guest speakers during the spring/summer months, and these meetings are open to the public.

The Happy Valley Garden Club is

Join Happy Valley's gardening community by reserving a raised garden plot for the 2018 growing season.

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another local place where gardeners can get together and share ideas. Check the community calendar in this newspaper for the next meeting date or contact Jen Buss at jenb@bussmold.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2018

8	Traffic and Public Safety Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
10	Tree Planting Event Waterford Court. See page 6 for details.	9:00 a.m.	Wexford Natural Area -
13	Happy Valley Garden Club Master Gardener, Priscilla Robinson, will speak on "Forcing Bulbs Indoors." Contact Jennifer Buss at jenb@bussmold.com for details.	9:30 a.m.	Happy Valley Baptist Church
13	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
14	Youth Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
15	Public Art Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.	City Hall

19	Presidents Day - City offices closed	CLOSED	City offices
20	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
20	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
27	Library Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.	HV Library Community Room
28	HV Business Alliance Meeting	7:30 a.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
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5	Parks Advisory Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
6	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
6	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber

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Mayor Chavez-DeRemer gives first State of the City address

Last month, I hosted my first State of the City address at City Hall. It was a fun occasion to bring together business owners, residents, volunteers, and other community leaders. 2017 was a year full of accomplishments and we have a lot of momentum heading into 2018. For those of you who weren't at the event, you can watch a replay of my remarks at www.happyvalleyor.gov.

While it's tempting to highlight all the things we accomplished, I want to take this opportunity to recognize all the people who make Happy Valley a wonderful place to live. When we start to believe our own story that says, "look what I have done," we are destined for failure. As Mayor, I don't do this alone. It takes a dedicated staff and committed volunteers willing to devote hundreds of hours to their community. It takes residents speaking up for a better neighborhood. In more recent years, it takes business leaders to open up shop, em-



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



LORI CHAVEZ-DEREMER

Mayor Chavez-DeRemer shares her thoughts on 2017 and what 2018 holds for the Happy Valley community before an audience of business owners, residents, and elected officials.

ploy local residents, and offer goods and services to our com-

munity. First, I'd like to recognize my fellow City Councilors. We are lucky to have a cohesive, supportive, and positive City Council. The decisions

we make are better as a result of the dialogue we have and the difference in opinions we bring to the table.

Second, I need to thank the volunteers who serve on our advisory committees. Planning for the future isn't just about what the City Council and I think is best. It takes a

collective vision established by the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees. We are fortunate to receive guidance and input from our community volunteers on these committees.

Third, providing high quality service in Happy Valley is

only possible with the support from our partner agencies. Clackamas Fire, Sunrise Water Authority, Water Environment Services, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, and many others are committed to our community. Public service is a team sport and I'm so appreciative of all they do.

Fourth, to the public servants who make serving our community part of their everyday mission, thank you. Our highly trained and dedicated staff members are some of the best in their professions. They do a wonderful job keeping our city clean, safe, and welcoming.

We also all owe the business community our thanks. For as long as I've been Mayor, one of my primary goals has been to add more businesses to our community. Thank you to the new businesses in town who not only provide us places to eat and shop, but also bring more jobs to Happy Valley.

Most importantly, I want to thank all of you for getting out of your homes and into the community. The sense of pride in our city is one of the aspects that drew my husband and I here many years ago. Now, as a longtime resident, I recognize that part of creating and maintaining an enjoyable community is bringing people together.

I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished. I'm equally excited for what lies ahead. It will take all of us to continue building the community we envision. Thank you for all you do.



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Happy Valley's parks and recreation services continue to be developed through collaboration between City Council, Parks Advisory Committee and city staff.

Parks and Rec moving forward

Are you curious about what we've been discussing at City Council meetings? Parks, parks, and more parks! Now that the City has officially withdrawn from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, we get to start our own Happy Valley Parks and Recreation program. We couldn't be more excited to become the parks and recreation provider, but it will take a lot of work.

COUNCIL CORNER

Just this last month, we dedicated an entire City Council Work Session towards a conversation about what new recreation programs would best serve our community. We also discussed an upcoming parks tax levy for the May 15th election to assure dedicated funding for parks and recreation.

Given the importance of these conversations, we invited the Parks Advisory Committee to participate in the meeting to provide input. We liked having more voices and different perspectives at the table. The members of the Parks Advisory Committee were honest with us. Their differences in ideas and approaches were refreshing

and have helped us better understand community desires when it comes to Happy Valley Parks and Recreation.

Beyond just providing us with insight on recreation programs and a tax levy, the Parks Advisory Committee has been hard at work the past six months. As many of you know, the City spent the summer gathering feedback from the community regarding their vision for more parks in Happy Valley. We were overwhelmed with the amount of feedback we received. The Parks Advisory Committee played a critical role in summarizing your ideas into a Parks Master Plan that will help guide our future for the next ten years.

Over the course of the next few months, you'll be hearing more about the City's plans for building more parks, funding the maintenance of our existing parks, and starting new recreation programs that bring people together. We want to thank the Parks Advisory Committee for helping us through this exciting process of creating our own parks and recreation program.



Happy Valley Arts Academy owner David Martin celebrated a grand opening of a new location. The music school offers lessons in piano, guitar, violin, drums, cello, ukulele and more.

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Happy Valley Arts Academy moves, uses new system for musical success

Happy Valley Arts Academy has moved to a new location at 14654 S.E. Sunnyside Road. With private rooms for instruction and numerous instruments for rent, the family-oriented music school is the largest in Happy Valley.

Started in 2008 by Happy Valley residents David and Tiffani Martin, HVAA has 20 music teachers with extensive experience in both performance and composition. The music school teaches piano, acoustic and electric guitar, violin, viola, cello, drums, ukulele and table harp to people of all ages. Voice lessons also are available.

David Martin said the importance of music "is an essential part of community and our society at large."

"Many, many studies have shown that musical training helps children develop skills such as lan-

guage and reasoning, the ability to memorize more efficiently, critical thinking and better coordination," he said.

By age 10, David Martin had developed an aptitude for music. He began composing in his teen years and performances took him to places beyond the Northwest, such as Russia.

HVAA recently introduced a new system for student success. The Musical Ladder System consists of 13 levels of music ability. Students earn a colorful wristband by passing a music test every three months. HVAA is the first music school in Oregon to adopt the trademarked program.

"This is not a participation trophy. They have to earn it. Essentially, the system outlines the rewards, but not the curriculum. The teacher decides what test to give each student. It doesn't change what the teacher does, but enhances and incentivizes the music instruction," Martin said.

The wristbands correlate with different levels, from apprentice to prima. Students also receive a certificate, and passing certain levels earns them a trophy.

"It's easy to get people to start music lessons, but it's hard to keep them engaged. Retention is a big problem. This solves that," Martin said.

Anthony Tran recently earned a purple "vivace" wristband for his lively piano performance. The 13-year-old boy is motivated to complete the ladder.

"Every single step I pass, I then look forward to the next trophy. I like the idea of getting to the top," Tran said.

Currently, over 90 percent of HVAA's 360 students are using the system.

"It is definitely a big job for our staff to track and maintain the program, but it's worth it. We see more smiling faces and excited kids who are actually sticking with their lessons more than ever before," Martin said.

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Happy Valley Middle School hosts Lunar New Year celebration Feb. 15

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

The Chinese year of the Earth Dog begins Feb. 16 coinciding with the first day of the first month in the traditional Chinese calendar, which is based on the moon's phases.

Steeped in symbolism, the Lunar New Year is also called Spring Festival. The Chinese zodiac is based on a 12-year cycle, with each year corresponding to one of 12 animals.

Each zodiac animal is associated with different personality traits. An ancient Chinese tale says the Jade Emperor summoned all the animals of the universe. The 12 animals of the zodiac all headed to the palace. The order they came in determined the order of the zodiac.

The Lunar New Year is celebrated with dancing, food and expressions of good fortune for the upcoming year.

Happy Valley Middle School will host the second-annual Lunar New Year celebration from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at 13865 S.E. King Road. At last year's celebration, hundreds of people enjoyed arts and crafts, food, singing by the HVMS and Happy Valley Elementary School choirs, plus dance performances by the White Lotus Lion Dancers and the Van Lang Dancers. The free event is for all ages.



LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
LOCATION: Happy Valley Middle School, 13865 S.E. King Road
DATE: Feb. 15
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
COST: FREE

Get ready to dig in!

Happy Valley is fortunate to have many greenspaces, creeks and wetland areas within the city.

A few times a year, partners from Friends of Trees and North Clackamas Urban Watershed organize community work parties to repair and protect these areas through the planting of native trees and shrubs.

The next event is scheduled for Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wexford Natural Area (10810 S.E. Waterford Ct.).

Interested in digging in? Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate. Project coordinators will show you exactly what to do so previous planting knowledge is not necessary. Meet at the site

around 8:45 a.m. to register and be assigned to a crew. The event will start promptly at 9 a.m.

Not sure what to bring?

The organizers take care of all the tools and supplies, including gloves, shovels, buckets, soil, etc. They even bring breakfast snacks and hot drinks to fuel their volunteers! Please come dressed for the weather, wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, and get ready to have fun!

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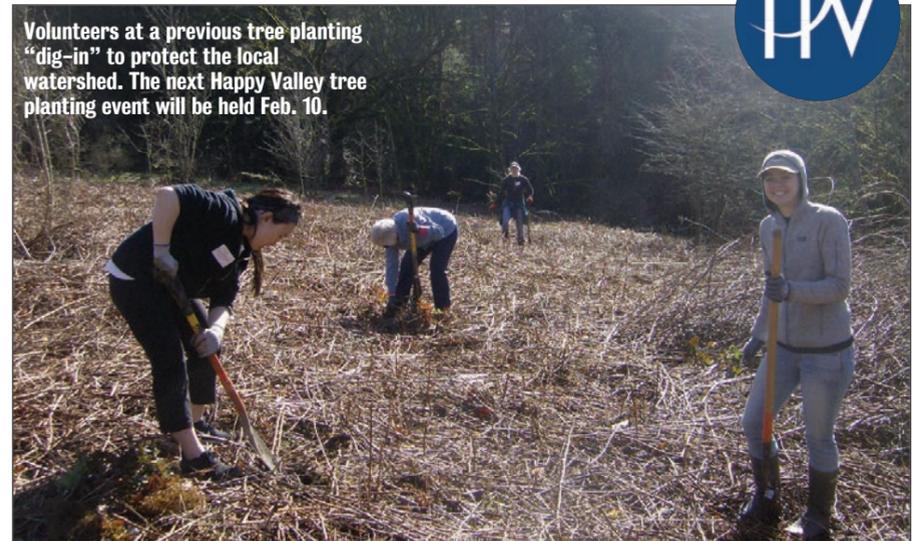


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LOCATION: Wexford Natural Area, 10810 S.E. Waterford Ct., Happy Valley, OR 97086

DATE: February 10

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Happy Valley's volunteer committees perform an important function in the city.

Changing of the Guard

New volunteers join city boards to replace retiring members

The guidance our volunteer committees provide to the City is invaluable. Planning for the future takes a collective vision established by the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees.

Our volunteer committees review zoning changes to manage growth, hold commercial developments to a consistent design style, envision parks and recreation opportunities for future generations, consider traffic solutions at key bottlenecks, provide oversight of how tax payer funds are spent, identify resource and material needs for our library, and promote youth engagement. They do all of this in their spare time, just so that we can live in a better community.

For several dedicated community volunteers, the end of 2017 marked the fulfillment of their committee appointment term. We thank the following individuals for their years of service to the city and its residents.

- Diane Morrow Budget Committee
- Heidi Steen Budget Committee
- Andrew Watkins Design Review Board
- Erik Nelson Design Review Board
- Rosemary Tanzer Library Board
- Ted Hartzell Planning Commission
- Dave Tash Traffic & Public Safety

To fill these big shoes, and in some cases grow the size of the committees to bring more voices to the table, City Council and staff spent much of December and January meeting with residents and matching them with open board positions where they can apply their skills and interest. Please join us in welcoming these new committee members.

- Ana Sarish Budget Committee
- Grant Roper Budget Committee
- Michael Monical Design Review Board
- Roland Iparraguirre Design Review Board
- Jerry Dukleth Library Board
- Geri Naumcheff Parks Advisory Committee
- Glen Sachet Parks Advisory Committee
- Avi Patel Planning Commission
- Ana Sarish Traffic & Public Safety
- Grant Roper Traffic & Public Safety
- Jennifer Brownlee Traffic & Public Safety

If you're like these individuals and you care about the direction of city services, please submit the Public Involvement Application. Currently, all positions are full, but we accept applications year-round. For more information and an application, visit www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions.

Cole Turner of CHS accepts a full ride football scholarship



Holly Turner, proud mom of Cole Turner at the official visit to the University of Nevada at Reno. Cole did an early signing on Dec. 20th accepting a full football scholarship.

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February 2018 Library Events

The Library will be closed Presidents Day, February 19.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Tatreez & Tea Workshops

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 3-6 p.m. or Saturday, Feb. 10, 3-6 p.m.

In this 3-hour workshop, students will learn how to embroider, Palestinian style! Learn traditional embroidery stitches, image transferring techniques, and how to develop your own style. Students will leave with an embroidered design mounted in an embroidery hoop to commemorate their first piece. All materials are provided. No needlework experience required. Space is limited. Sign up at the Reference Desk. (503-783-3455)

E-Books and Audiobooks Workshop

Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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String-Along

Sundays, Feb. 11 and 25, 2-5 p.m.

Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians. Adults of all skill levels are invited to drop in and play some American traditional Bluegrass or Folk music in a casual,



Historic Columbia River Highway

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 3:30-5 p.m.

Jeanette Kloos, President, Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway, will speak about the history behind the 100-year old highway and the restoration and reconnection of the highway that has occurred over the last 30 years. An update on the damage caused by the Eagle Creek Fire will also be included.



jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

Genealogy Club

Mondays, Feb. 12 and 26, 2-4 p.m.

Come discover your amazing family history. Get together to find the clues that lead to your family's unique story. Learn how just a bit of research can open up new discoveries. Be a family history detective!

Note Night

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy some live music while you browse for books or sit and savor the sounds. This month features Chuck Bolsinger playing an eclectic

mix of blues, folk, and country as well as a few originals and a bit of harmonica thrown in for good measure.

Loneliness and Older Adults

Thursday, Feb. 22, 3:30-5 p.m.

This program will bring light to the dangerous effects of loneliness as we age. Participants will learn about the differences between loneliness, social isolation, depression, and anxiety, while learning how to help people connect.

Board Game Connection

Thursday, Feb. 22, 6-8 p.m.

Gather around a table and connect with friends new and old over board games. Learn a new game or bring a personal favorite and teach someone else! New games will be featured every month.



CHILDREN PROGRAMS:

Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.

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Lunar New Year Celebration

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6-7:30 p.m.

Make mini drums and paper lanterns. Try a special challenge and taste some traditional Lunar New Year sweets! Presented by the Teen Advisory Board.

AKA Science presents...Earth Rocks! (Grades 3-5)

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4-5 p.m.

Each month explore different topics and then take stuff home to amaze your family and friends!

Let's LEGO:

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1:30-3 p.m.

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Creature Teachers

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.

The Teachers are back with their wild animal friends for another up-close show-and-tell.

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Art as a safe space : Tatreez & Tea : in Happy Valley

In February, the Happy Valley Library will welcome Wafa Ghnaim, author of “Tatreez & Tea: Embroidery and Storytelling in the Palestinian Diaspora,” and her mother, Feryal Abbasi-Ghnaim, for an afternoon of tatreez, history and tea followed by a workshop to create a tatreez.

Between 1988 and 1990, Abbasi-Ghnaim worked with Cindy Cohen, executive director at the Oral History Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Together, the women created an oral history of eight Jewish and Palestinian women who had many things in common despite the long-standing conflict between their two home-

lands. Wafa Ghnaim, Abbasi-Ghnaim’s daughter — an American-born Palestinian — also was inspired to preserve the oral history and folk art of her country. A business-woman, author and artist, she continues to travel with her mother to educate people about the importance of heritage preservation. Ghnaim lives in Brooklyn with her husband and son.

“As a Palestinian, cultural preservation is critical to our existence, livelihood and sense of identity since the 1947-48 Arab-Israeli War that forced my mother and her family to flee Palestine for refuge. 1948 not only commemorates the creation of the state of Israel, but also the destruction of Palestinian society, known as al-Nakba or the catastrophe,” Ghnaim said.

“This history is crucial to understand, because it provides context as to why we preserve Palestinian culture and identity. For 70 years, it has been systematically marginalized and even taboo to discuss in the United States — it is an act of resistance. Keeping Palestinian cultural traditions alive is our way to continue to exist, explore our identity in exile, and connect with our ancestors who once lived in Palestine,” Ghnaim said.

Her book, “Tatreez & Tea: Embroidery and Storytelling in the Palestinian Diaspora” explores the deep meaning of what it means to be a Palestinian living in exile. Tatreez is symbolic of all Palestinian culture in a country that often misunderstands Muslims. “Palestinian identity has

become even more difficult to understand and connect with as someone who was raised in the United States. Not only does the U.S. promote cultural mythologies of Muslims and Palestinians — as the terrorist, the oppressed, the unruly activist — there is also a very pervasive taboo to identify as a Palestinian,” Ghnaim said. “This has proven to be very damaging throughout my journey in forming my identity as a young girl and a woman. Art is a safe space. Embroidery, a fabric art, allows me to express my emotions, my creativity and my ancestral identity without causing debate or conversation.”

“Tatreez & Tea: Embroidery and Storytelling in the Palestinian Diaspora” will be presented by Wafa Ghnaim and Feryal Abbasi-Ghnaim from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6. No registration required. The women also will teach a tatreez workshop 3-6 p.m. Feb. 7 and 10. The three-hour workshop will teach students how to embroider in the Palestinian style. Each student will leave with an embroidered design mounted in an embroidery hoop. All materials are provided. No needlework experience needed. Space is limited; registration is required. Sign up at the library reference desk or by calling 503-783-3455. Both the book presentation and workshop are free, public events put on by the Happy Valley Library, 13793 S.E. Sieben Park Way. For more information, visit: www.tatreezandtea.com.

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

“Tatreez always tells a story, but the story is told best by the embroiderer herself.”

— Wafa Ghnaim, “Tatreez & Tea” author



Feryal Abbasi-Ghnaim and her daughter Wafa Ghnaim travel the country educating people about the Palestinian embroidery art of tatreez. They will be at Happy Valley Library Feb. 7 and 10.



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Shakyra Rosario and Diego Cora found love twice. Originally from Puerto Rico, the couple make their home in Happy Valley.



Soleyl, 4 and Ricardo, 2 are showered with love. The children are a constant reminder for the family to live in the moment.

Broken road led to love for Shakyra Rosario

Sometimes love takes a difficult road. For Happy Valley resident Shakyra Rosario, that road led to the greatest loves of her life. Rosario grew up in Puerto Rico. Her father had a passion for horses that carried over to Rosario. She graduated ninth in her class at veterinary school. In 2005, while working as the first female equine veterinarian at Camerero Horse Track, in Canovanas, Puerto Rico, Rosario met Diego Cora, whose father also owned horses. The two fell in love and married in 2007. Yet, in early 2008, the couple divorced.

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Rosario immigrated to the United States where she continued her work as an equine veterinarian. While in Puerto Rico for an equine conference, Rosario ran into Cora. They rekindled their love and after a long-distance relationship, Cora bought a one-way ticket to America. They remarried in 2011. Rosario calls her divorce “the best mistake ever.” Rosario and Cora, a trial attorney with a practice in Lake Oswego, moved to Happy Valley in 2013. Shortly after, they welcomed their daughter, Soleyl, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome.

“There are so many different areas to be intelligent,” Rosario said. “Soleyl can make people feel so good, it doesn’t matter how book-smart people are.” Rosario considers her life journey a tool for reaching Soleyl. “The most beautiful journey is often on the road less traveled,” she said. “The journey that life puts you on, take it for what it is. It’s neither good nor bad. There’s a lot of greatness in the journey.” In 2015, the Cora family welcomed another child to love. Ricardo, now 2, and 4-year-old Soleyl are constant reminders to Shakyra to live in the present. “No mud, no lotus,” she said.



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Since then, Fred Meyer and

Brenda have participated in a number of community events, providing sponsorship dollars for the Happy Valley Youth Council and hosting the Thanksgiving shopping challenge for two years in a row.

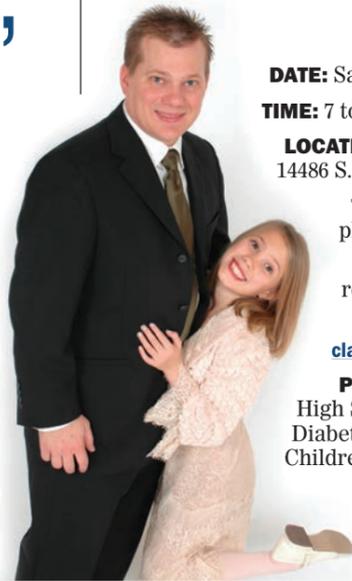
On Jan. 2, City Council presented Roeter with the City's first "Above and Beyond" award in recognition of her partnership and her commitment to the community.

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Catch the stars at the latest CHS production “Peter and the Starcatcher”

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

The latest production from the Clackamas High School theater department is set to begin March 2. “Peter and the Starcatcher” is a play based on the 2004 novel written by columnist Dave Barry and Seattle author Ridley Pearson. The story is considered a prequel to J.M. Barrie’s “Peter and Wendy” and further illuminates the backstory of Peter Pan, Mrs. Darling, Hook and Tinker Bell.

Directing the play is Benjamin Tissell, a CHS alum who recently directed “Annie.” With a cast of 29, Tissell is excited to showcase his actors in the beloved story of Peter Pan, the boy who refused to grow up, and the characters of Neverland.

“The cast will be in sync with each other, moving effortlessly through the millions of moments we’ve created in rehearsal. They will lead the audience through a whirlwind of sound, story and song. This show, done right, is absolutely virtuosic,” Tissell said.

Like “Annie” and the final play in the CHS theater season “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” “Peter and



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Clackamas High School presents “Peter and the Starcatcher” a prequel to the story of Peter Pan complete with ships in a hurricane, nasty pirates, stardust, secret treasure, and exciting adventure.

the Starcatcher” revolves around orphan children in a land with cruel adults.

“There was just something that felt right this year about inspiring young audiences, and inspiring the childlike-ness of our older patrons. It’s about giving hope. Many of us feel the weight of adult responsibilities, frustrations and worries these days. We want to remind everyone

that wonder is real, that joy is possible, and that playfulness matters,” Tissell said.

In Act 1, the play focuses on the ship named Neverland, captained by Lord Leonard Aster, and the Wasp, which are both carrying secret cargo from the Queen of England.

Aboard Neverland, Molly Aster, daughter of the captain, inadvertently opens the

secret cargo to find a cache of boys who, by the queen’s appointment, protect “stardust.”

Called “starcatchers,” the boys are tasked with catching stardust that falls from the sky and dispose of it before it falls into the hands of nefarious criminals. One of these starcatcher boys is Peter.

Act 2 finds the cast on the

Isle of Rundoon, after a hurricane knocks both ships adrift. On the island, the starcatchers encounter island natives, called Mollusks, who capture the boys and Molly.

Ingeniously, the kids escape the Mollusks, and continue on their original mission. Peter becomes transformed after drinking stardust and cannot leave the island. Molly leaves Peter and the rest of the starcatchers behind on the island, and they become the Lost Boys of Neverland. Peter becomes Peter Pan, and Molly eventually becomes the mother of Wendy.

With a new sound system in the CHS theater, Tissell was pleased with its initial test run with “Annie,” yet explained that this show has a different sound format.

“Electronic sound in this show is minimal. It relies heavily on what’s called ‘foley’ sound. These are sound effects created by actors or crew live, onstage. As part of creating the story in the audience’s imagination you see the cast creating visual and auditory settings. For example, when the ship sails into a storm, you’ll hear the hurricane and see the tossing of the ship, but it will come al-

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IF YOU GO

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

WHAT: Clackamas High School theater department’s production of “Peter and the Starcatcher”

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 11

WHERE: Clackamas High School theater, 14486 S.E. 122nd Ave., Clackamas

COST: Adults \$10, students \$8. Box office opens 30 minutes before showtime. Reserved seating can be purchased at www.seatyourself.biz/clackamas.com

CAST: Keaton Fields
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“Peter and the Starcatcher”

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most entirely from the actors' voices and bodies,” Tissell said.

Along with the minimal use of the sound system, Tissell explained that the aesthetic element of the play also is minimal, called “poor theater.” The purpose of the minimal look is to achieve a heightened sense of imagination from the viewer.

“Costumes are basic, the set is scrappy, and props are created by the use of found items. Mermaid crowns are made of plastic forks, a plunger is used for a sword, yellow rubber gloves become a bird,” Tissell said.

“It’s about how the actors use the space, the props, and even how they move their own bodies that help tell the story. It’s as if we set a group

of kids loose on a theater and told them to make up a play about Peter Pan,” he said. “I hope that audiences leave with a sense of possibility and wonder, an eagerness to create and see the world through the lens of imagination.”

Tissell, who loves classic plays, feels the responsibility to portray Peter Pan as he is known to audiences, so he fights against the urge to find an original angle.

“I’m not as smart or as creative as J.M. Barrie, so if I were to try to reinvent his character or his world it would inevitably fail. But if I trust what’s already there, and instead help the students live the dramatic truth of the moment, we’ll have a good production in the end,” Tissell said. “By the dramatic truth, I mean just trusting the characters as they are written scene by scene, help-

ing the actors listen and respond naturally, and play the honesty of each moment.”

“Annie” was a box-office success for the CHS theater department with multiple sold-out performances. “Peter and the Starcatcher” is expected to bring similar success.

“Theater is how we tell our stories. We discover our values, our hopes, our needs as we visit and revisit our cultural stories. It’s a way of reminding, challenging and inspiring,” Tissell said.

“Theater is one of the few cultural rituals we have left in which people are present with each other and invest in a shared experience. It can be the source of transformation connections for artists and audiences alike. As a director of students, I love seeing students slowly catch on to this vision”



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Operation Santa 2017 was a big success! Thanks again to all those that contributed funds and volunteered to come out and help!

During this month-long holiday toy and food drive, fire district volunteers and employees led Santa's fire engine parade down neighborhood streets to collect toys and non-perishable food items, which filled hundreds of food baskets for needy families. Donated toys brought a little extra holiday cheer to children.

This year, the Happy Valley staff participated in a team building activity in November 2017. As a result of that program, the Happy Valley staff was able to construct and donate 6 electric guitars to Operation Santa. In addition, the second annual Thanksgiving Shopping Challenge took place at Happy Valley's Crossroads Fred Meyer. This year, Fire and Police teamed up to compete against principals from local schools. The end result yielded big wins for two non-profit organizations;

Operation Santa and the Wichita Center, with the collection of \$5,000 in cash and over \$1,000 in food donations.

The sleigh bells from Operation Santa Claus have been ringing for the citizens of Clackamas Fire District #1 since 1974. Firefighters recognized the need to provide toys and food baskets to families and individuals that were less fortunate, and not likely to experience the joys of the holiday season. Hence, Operation Santa Claus was formed. The program is 100% funded by donations from members of the community.

Our appreciation goes out to Clackamas Fire and Operation Santa volunteers who spend countless hours collecting, sorting, wrapping and delivering gifts.

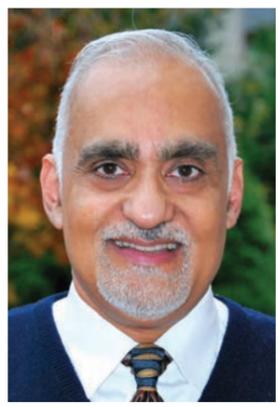
Thank you also to the individuals who supported this program or gave back in another way during the holiday season this year. Your participation makes our community stronger!



Operation Santa's warehouse space, donated by Pacific Seafood, looked like this in December after weeks of donations were collected.



Tireless volunteers kept the donated toys and food items organized by age and type.



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The Auction and Dinner is held at the Abernethy Center Ballroom, 606 15th Street in Oregon City.

The Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation was formed in 1998, and provides a method for individual community members and business owners to make tax-free contributions in support of the Foundation's mission of "service over self."

Along with Clackamas Fire, the Foundation consists of other emergency services agencies such as, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Estacada Fire District #69, Happy Valley Police Department, Milwaukie Police Department, and the Oregon City Police Department. When any of these agencies respond to a call and a need is determined, Foundation funds are used to help these citizens.

To register or to secure a sponsorship for the Benefit Auction and Dinner or for more information, please contact Krystle Clear Events PDX at: krystleclearereventspx@gmail.com or visit the website at: <https://cesf.ejoinme.org/2018auction>



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The annual benefit dinner will be held at the Abernethy Center in Oregon City on Mar. 10.



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OPENS

in Happy Valley

Happy Valley residents Juseong and Seung Hwa Kim opened Joy Teriyaki in December. Located at Happy Valley Crossroads, the restaurant serves teriyaki and rice dishes. The Sunnyside location is the Kim family's second location; they opened their Gresham restaurant in 2005. The Joy Teriyaki franchises are primarily located on the West Coast.

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chicken bowl, which is a quick and small bite, perfect for lunch portions and served with rice and chicken," said Kim's daughter, Diana Kim.

The Kim family, originally from Seoul, South Korea, has lived in Happy Valley since they immigrated in 2004. The restaurants are a family affair —

Juseong runs the Gresham location and Seung Hwa and Diana operate the Happy Valley location.

"The most popular menu items are chicken teriyaki, chicken yakisoba, and sweet and sour chicken. Our customers also enjoy the

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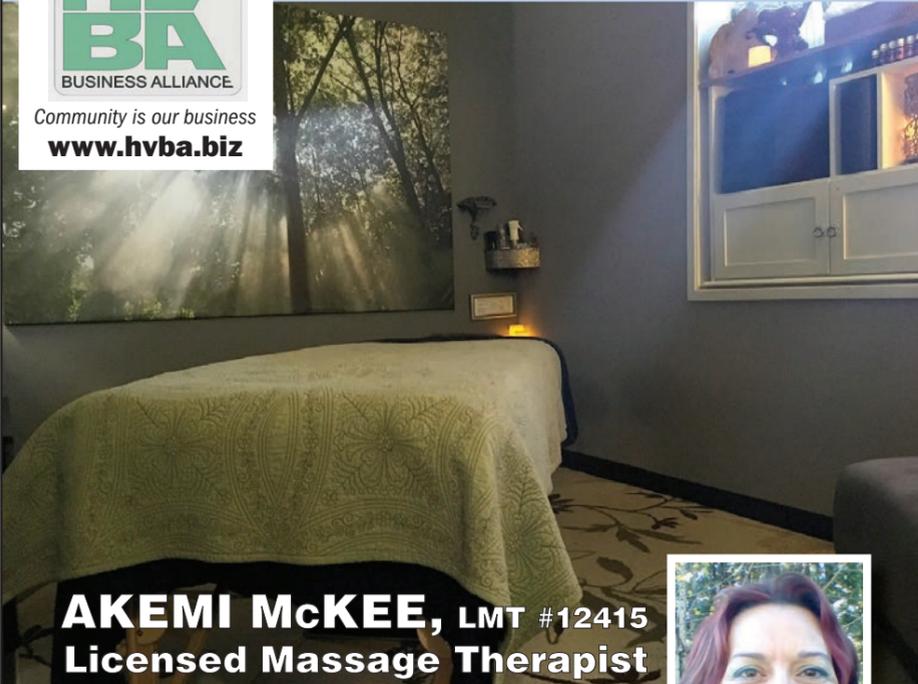
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Massage is an integral part of complementary and alternative medicine these days. Akemi is a licensed massage therapist serving the Happy Valley/Clackamas area since 2004. There are so many benefits when considering adding massage as a part of your lifestyle and health choices. Reducing stress and anxiety, managing pain, easing symptoms of depression, improving cardiovascular health and lowering blood pressure, and improving quality of life are just a few of the many reasons. Akemi (pronounced "uh-KAY-me") has advanced education in clinical and sports massage. Her post-grad studies translates into more than 1,000 hours of training. Oregon requires only 500 hours. These skills are integrated into her massage style. She is currently serving from the Karma Yoga studio next to Sweet Tomatoes, behind Costco. Booking appointments through her website is preferred. First-time clients receive a \$10-\$20 discount for their first visit. While billing medical insurance isn't available, Akemi does bill for recovery from motor vehicle accidents.

Mention this article when you come for your massage appointment and receive a complimentary hot stone sampler and foot scrub! Take time out for yourself and book now!



Alert parking lot behavior will keep you and your car safe.

Avoid parking lot bumps and bruises

A busy parking lot can feel like a minefield, with cars coming and going, doors opening and closing, and shoppers and employees focused on their task at hand. Everywhere you turn there is a new obstacle to respond to. I recently came across an article shared by Oregon Impact, an organization that provides educational experiences to end impaired and distracted driving, that I believe provides helpful and applicable tips for navigating a parking lot safely.



PUBLIC SAFETY
Steve Campbell

- 1. STAY ALERT** — Watch for cars cutting across parking lots and speeding through aisles. Take it slow and always use your turn signal. Avoid two-way lanes whenever possible.
- 2. MIND YOUR MANNERS** — Don't take up two spots by parking over the lines.
- 3. PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE** — Parking in congested areas increases the likelihood of scratches and dents from car doors or shopping carts. Park away from buildings during the day, but avoid secluded areas at night. If you can find a spot at the end of the row next to an island, take it. This is the best place to park your car. However, if there is no island, don't park in an end space because this will leave your car vulnerable to turning traffic. Park in front of a light pole, if possible. The

pole will protect your car from a driver who might pull too far forward and bash its front end, and the light will give you added security at night.

- 4. WALK BACK SAFELY** — When leaving or returning to your car, don't dart between parked cars. Listen for cars and look for the illuminated brake lights of cars backing up. Pedestrians can be just as guilty as drivers when it comes to disobeying posted signs or not paying close enough attention to their surroundings. Protect yourself on foot, as well as when you're driving.

5. BE OBSERVANT — When backing out, make sure you scan a full 360 degrees. There may be shoppers to your left and right, or other cars backing out at the same time. If it's possible and legal in your area, pull through if there are two open nose-to-nose spaces. Being able to pull out head first instead of backing out of a spot will keep you safe.

- 6. MAIL WITH CAUTION** — If you have packages to send, keep in mind that post office parking lots have the highest frequency of accidents.

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