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Happy Valley Parks and Rec moving forward

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This spring, Happy Valley residents passed Measure 3-526, a maintenance and operations levy for Happy Valley's Park and Recreation services, with 72% approval.

This is exciting news for the community. The funds collected from the levy will be earmarked for park operations and maintenance, as well as recreational programming. While the tax rate will remain the same as what Happy Valley residents were paying to North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), all the funds will be spent here, in our community, on services citizens have deter-



mined are priorities. Being active and involved is a huge part of our community's culture and we understand the desire for more opportunities close to home. Now that funding has been secured for the next five years, we can implement some of the plans we have been working on. We will share news about upcoming opportunities very soon.

In addition to developing recreation programs, one of the first steps that we will undertake in coming months is conducting a feasibility study for a community center. This is a large proj-



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Happy Valley Park is located at 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd. and is home to many community events and activities.



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Park

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ect, and honestly, one that will require years of planning to see to fruition, but this is a top citizen priority that merits a thorough assessment. The feasibility study will allow the City to collect input from residents on where the community center could be located, what amenities should be included, and how it could be funded.

Building a community center, additional turf fields, another community park, more neighborhood parks, additional trails, and other park amenities will take significant resources beyond what the levy will provide. They will take a bond that would be voted on by residents or through System Development Charges (SDCs) collected from new construction.

As many residents know, the City is currently in litigation with NCPRD regarding SDCs that were collected by Happy Valley and transferred to NCPRD for a specific list of Capital Projects in the community. The City continues to be hopeful that there will be a positive resolution to the litigation and that the money will be returned to the City so that we may use it as it was intended.

The re-establishment of Happy Valley as a parks provider would not be possible without the dedication and support of Happy Valley's Parks Advisory Committee and City Council. Over the last year, they have attended many meetings and pub-



Outdoor concerts will be held Thursday nights throughout the summer at Happy Valley Park.



lic engagement events, and had numerous conversations with residents about what park services the public values most. Through these efforts, the Parks Master Plan was developed and will serve as our guide to delivering park services. Our thanks go out to the committee members for

their efforts up to this point and their future work as they help guide the development of parks and recreation services in the city. To say that their role as a community volunteer just increased is a massive understatement and we are so grateful for their dedication.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We look forward to providing parks and recreation service that will bring individuals together in the name of health, personal growth and community.

HELLO Summer

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

SUMMER — The days of outdoor concerts, backyard grilling, walking and playing in the sunshine. Happy Valley has many events scheduled to keep you entertained and connected with your neighbors. We hope to see you!

SUMMER CONCERTS

HAPPY VALLEY CONCERTS IN THE VALLEY — will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, July 12-Aug. 16 at Happy Valley Park 13770 S.E. Ridgecrest Road.

LIBRARY CONCERTS IN THE PARK — will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fridays, July 27-Aug. 24 at Village Green Park 13786 S.E. Sieben Parkway.

JUNE 9

DUMPSTER DAY — From 8 a.m. to noon, at Happy Valley Park, 13770 S.E. Ridgecrest Road. Happy Valley residents can bring items to be recycled, donated, shredded or disposed of.

JUNE 22-24

HAPPY VALLEY GARAGE SALE — So many deals, so little time! Hundreds of garage sales will dot the city. Bring your cash and negotiate. Remember, the "early bird" gets the best choices, but the "last call" can negotiate the best prices.

JULY 4

HAPPY VALLEY HIKERS INDEPENDENCE DAY HIKE — 9:30 a.m.

JULY 4

FOURTH OF JULY FAMILY FESTIVAL — A fun-filled day starting with the annual parade at noon followed by the Happy Valley Family Festival at Happy Valley Park, 13770 S.E. Ridgecrest Road. Live music will start at 1:30 p.m. and fireworks at dusk.

JULY 12

DANCEHALL DAYS — Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park — This event will kick off the Concerts in the Valley series. The six-member band plays covers from artists like Bruno Mars, Michael Jackson, Fleetwood Mac, Ray LaMontagne and Ed Sheeran. Dancehall Days has traveled extensively showcasing their talent.

JULY 19

BRITNEE KELLOGG BAND — Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park — Starting at the age of 3, Kellogg loved to sing and write songs. Rich, edgy vocals partnered with her rockin' band will certainly entertain.



The combination of music, park games, and summer weather creates an evening of fun people of all ages will enjoy.

JULY 26

NUWAVERS — Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park — Voted the Best Party Band, the five-person band will play songs to get you out of your lawn chair and dancing.

JULY 27

NO TIME 2 LOSE — Library Concerts in the Park, Village Green Park

AUG. 2

MY HAPPY PILL — Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park — A playlist of pop, funk, rock, soul and reggae, spanning from the '70s to today. Come enjoy MHP's show with multiple vocalists.

AUG. 3

BIG YELLOW TAXI — Library Concerts in the Park, Village Green Park

AUG. 3-5

PICKATHON, PENDARVIS FARM — Over 100 musical groups will play over the weekend. More than just a festival, Pickathon features a Curation Series of high-quality food and drink pairings by notable chefs. For those wanting a more rustic experience, consider staying overnight in a tent or RV. For more information, visit: www.pickathon.com.

AUG. 7

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, COMMUNITYWIDE — Started in 1984 as a way to form neighborhood watch groups and engage with local law enforcement, National Night Out has become a fun summer event. Sign up your neighborhood to participate at www.natw.org to receive hot dogs, buns and water for your neighbors.

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

- CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY:** happyvalleyor.gov
- HAPPY VALLEY LIBRARY:** happyvalleyor.gov/services/happy-valley-library
- NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS AND RECREATION:** ncprd.com
- HAPPY VALLEY HIKERS:** hvhibikers.com
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SUMMER FUN IN THE VALLEY: a guide to Happy Valley activities

First responders and city officials also will visit select neighborhoods.

AUG. 9

THE DISTRICT — Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park — In conjunction with First Responders Recognition Night, come enjoy six firefighters performing crowd favorites.

AUG. 10

RICH GRITTY BAND — Library Concerts in the Park, Village Green Park

AUG. 16

PATRICK LAMB — Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park — Patrick Lamb closes out the Concerts in the Valley series. One of the youngest musicians in Oregon's Music Hall of Fame, Lamb has earned numerous awards. The saxophonist will play original music and cover songs.

AUG. 17

THE MENACE BAND — Library Concerts in the Park, Village Green Park

AUG. 24

RHYTHM CULTURE — Library Concerts in the Park, Village Green Park

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

HAPPY VALLEY FARMERS MARKET — Open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 29 with over 100 vendors selling their wares. The market is located at the corner of Sunnyside Road and 141st Avenue.

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The District, all firefighters, will perform in Happy Valley at the Concert in the Park series. From left to right, Izak Hamilton, Jim Syring, Scott Stafford, Brandon Paxton, Travis Hinkle, Josh Santos.

Retired firefighter led battle to re-annex into Happy Valley

Now Jim Syring heats up the summer concert stage with his band, The District, Aug. 9

BY **SHELLEY MCFARLAND**

Sense of place is important to Jim Syring. The lifelong Happy Valley-area resident currently lives on the five-acre farm he grew up on.

“We call our property Liberty Acres because we have a 12-foot-tall Statue of Liberty in our front yard representing both liberty and the place — New York — where my wife and I got married,” Syring said. Wife, Lyn, is an event planner and their son, James, is a junior at Clackamas High School.

As the keyboardist for the band The District, Syring is a familiar face to many at the Happy Valley Concerts in the Park series. The District will play Thursday, Aug. 9, in conjunction with First Responders Recognition Night.

Syring, 56, grew up in the Pleasant Valley area, which is now east Happy Valley. During the early 2000s, Syring’s land was caught up in a contentious battle as Metro expanded the urban growth boundary eastward. Syring and his neighbors had to decide whether they wanted to annex into Gresham or Happy Valley or create a new city of Damascus.

“A city is basically an organization that assures that basic services are met for its residents and gives them an avenue to voice concerns and have a say in planning through council meetings and elected officials,” Syring wrote in an opinion piece for The Oregonian in 2001.

Syring’s property became part of the former City of Damascus in 2004. Afterward “followed years and years of dysfunction, which concluded (with me) leading a group of hundreds of residents attempting to de-annex from Damascus and re-annex into Happy Valley before the City of Damascus was finally disincorporated by the voters in

2016.”

The group seeking Happy Valley annexation eventually succeeded. They wanted to be a part of a city with “positive and respectable leaders, attain zoning and a comprehensive land-use plan, have future opportunities for our property, and be a part of a civic city family that has many outreach programs for their residents.”

Syring worked for Clackamas Fire District #1 for 30 years, retiring in 2015, as the East Battalion deputy chief, overseeing Happy Valley. In the 1990s, he served as the Happy Valley Fire Station captain. After retiring, he was elected to the board of

directors for Clackamas Fire District #1 and continues to serve.

“Upon retiring, I decided that I wanted to continue to serve the community, serve and support the firefighters I work with, and see through the Clackamas Fire-Boring Fire legal integration project, which I worked extensively on and in which the voters of both fire districts voted to merge in November 2016,” he said. “The fire service was a passion that I enjoyed, and I met with and was able to help many of our citizens over the years.

Along with being a Clackamas Fire board member, Syring is a director of the Da-

mascus Park Civic Club and volunteers with the Clackamas High School band program.

Because of his love of music, a few years ago Syring and a few fellow firefighters from Clackamas Fire formed a classic rock-and-roll band called The District.

“We’re very unique in that we’re a six-member band made up of Clackamas Fire personnel that include a fire board member, a battalion chief, a fire inspector and other line firefighting personnel. Just as we love serving our community, we also love playing for and entertaining our community through our music,” Syring said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2018

8	City Blood Drive Challenge	9a.m.-7 p.m.	Happy Valley Police Department (see page 7)
9	Dumpster Day	8a.m.-12p.m.	Happy Valley Park (see page 11)
12	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
13	Youth Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
14	Traffic and Public Safety Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
19	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber

19	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
21	Public Art Committee	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
27	HV Business Alliance Meeting	7:30 a.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
27	Design Review Board	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
JULY-18			
3	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
3	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
4	4th of July Family Festival	All day	Happy Valley Park

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BUDGET: How are your tax dollars spent?

One of the most important tasks I share with my fellow City Council members is ensuring your tax dollars are well spent. While I know most believe their taxes are high, only four percent comes to the City for general operations. Eight percent goes towards Public Safety, as voted by Happy Valley residents. Now, with the passage of the Parks and Recreation Levy, three percent will go towards the City's parks program (previously, this same three percent had gone to North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District). The other 85% of your tax bill goes to other service providers such as the North Clackamas School District, Clackamas Fire, Clackamas County, and more. As a City Council, all we control are the tax dollars for general city services, police, and parks.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



LORI CHAVEZ-DEREMER

Just this last month, we had our annual Budget Committee meeting to discuss how city tax dollars and other revenues are spent. Like many cities, the Happy Valley Municipal Code follows Oregon State Law by requiring an annual budget to be balanced and adopted by the City Council no later than the end of June. Getting to this point involves a review of prior trends, projections for the future, and analysis. Most importantly, it involves input and approval from the Budget Committee which

includes five local residents and the City Council members.

The City is in a positive financial position. This allows us to continue funding the services that you have come to expect such as street sweeping, maintenance of public areas, code enforcement, land use planning, economic development, and community events.

In addition, we have been able to prioritize a few new items this year, including:

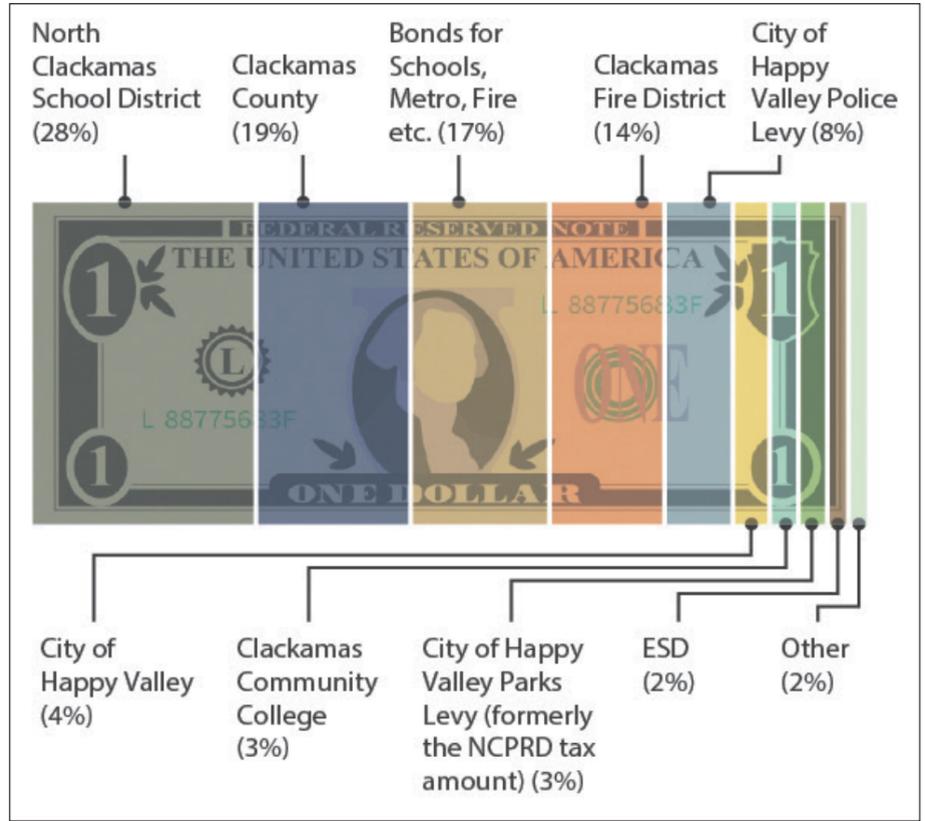
- Funding for 1 new police officer
- Approval for a Community Center Feasibility Study
- Additional reserves for future capital assets such as a new public works facility
- Increase in street maintenance projects due to higher gas taxes approved by the state legislature

Beyond these tangible additions, we approved a Parks and Recreation budget following the approval of the parks levy. This will allow the City to fund park maintenance and establish new recreation programs. Also new this year, the City is in charge of the Transportation and Parks System Development Charges (SDCs) on new buildings that will go towards road expansions and new parks

It's exciting to be able to continually improve city services and facilities. We know there are many more needs in the community and we will keep striving to meet our goals for the future.

Of the thirty-one cities in the Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington County area that collect taxes, the City of Happy Valley's tax rate is the third lowest. It's incumbent on us as elected leaders to spend limited city tax dollars effectively.

Finally, while the budget may have been a major focus this last month for us on City



Council, our City staff prioritize the budget daily. I'm so proud of the work our entire team does throughout the year to manage our resources. It's going to be another great year ahead.

The above graphic shows the distribution of Happy Valley residents' tax dollars.



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Minis - 1st Grade

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2nd Grade

4 v 4 soccer with pop up goals/no keepers. Teams play at CUSC fields. Cost: \$100

3rd & 4th Grade

7 v 7 small sided soccer with keepers. Cost: \$100 Early Registration. \$125 after 7/23/18.

5th & 6th Grade

9 v 9 small sided soccer with keepers. Cost: \$100 Early Registration. \$125 after 7/23/18.

7th & 8th Grade

11 v 11 full field soccer. Cost: \$100 Early Registration. \$125 after 7/23/18.

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CUSC is an independent, non-profit club serving the Clackamas area for over 20 years. CUSC is not affiliated with any neighboring clubs.

Pleasant Valley / North Carver comprehensive plan boundary map

The City Council is fortunate to receive guidance and input from our volunteers on a variety of boards and committees. In fact, most of the significant decisions we make are only after much deliberation by these civically engaged committees. Planning for the future isn't just about what the City Council thinks is best. It takes a collective vision established by the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees.

COUNCIL CORNER

Our approach with developing a comprehensive plan for a portion of the former Damascus will be no different. We will need community input.

As many of you know, the City of Damascus discontinued in 2016. Since then, numerous property owners representing over 1,000 acres of land adjacent to Happy Valley's eastern city limits submitted petitions to annex. It's such a positive reflection of our community when people come and ask to be part of it.

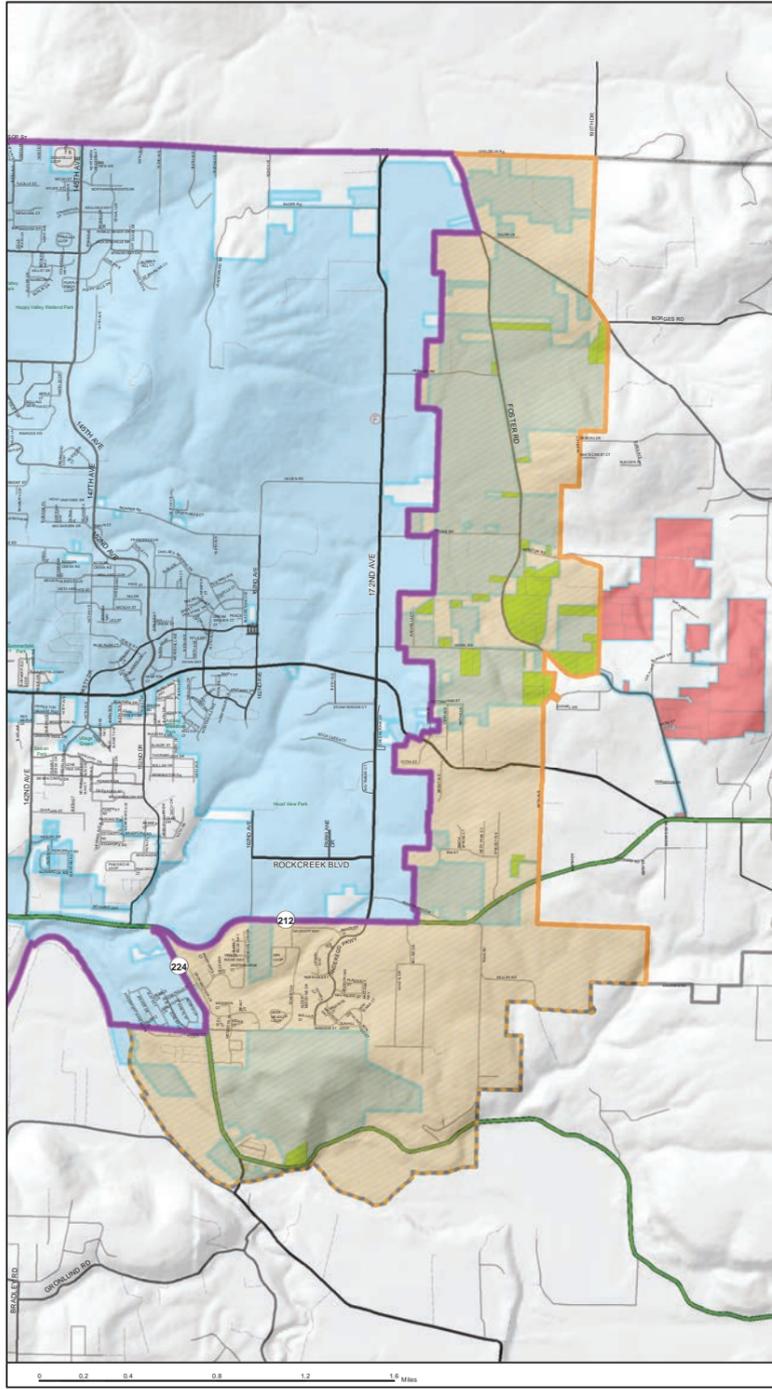
Now, it's the responsibility of the City to develop a comprehensive plan with the guidance of the community. The planning area will cover those properties that were recently annexed, as well as other areas that could annex in the next few years. It will be called the "Pleasant Valley / North Carver Comp Plan." Much of the work will address future zoning, additional school needs, protection of natural

resources, provision of parks, roads, transit, water, sewer, and other infrastructure.

In recent years, community members have expressed the need for: viable industrial/employment lands; adequate commercial lands; a grid-system based town center area; variety of housing options; trails; recreation facilities and open space preservation; managed growth; connective arterial and collector facilities; and, guidelines for community design.

While growth presents challenges, this land is already in the Urban Growth Boundary. Including this area in our comprehensive planning efforts provides all of us a voice to shape the future of this new part of our community. As a City Council, we will rely heavily on input from property owners, community members, and service providers including the multiple school districts in the area, Clackamas Fire District, Sunrise Water Authority, and others.

If you live in Happy Valley or own property in the Pleasant Valley / North Carver area and would like to get involved, please contact us. The one certainty with land use planning in Oregon is that it takes time! We anticipate the process to take up to 2 years. If you have any questions, please contact Michael D. Walter, AICP, Economic and Community Development Director at michaelw@happyvalleyor.gov or 503-783-3839.



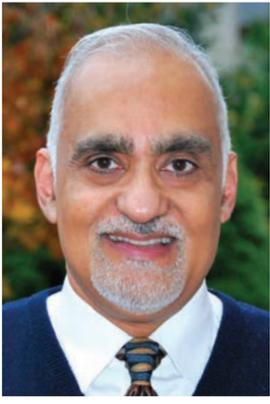
Draft Pleasant Valley / North Carver Comprehensive Plan Boundary Map

- Happy Valley City Hall
- PVNC Boundary line
- UGB/PVNC Boundary line
- Current Happy Valley UGMA
- Comprehensive Plan area
- County Boundary
- Annexation Applicants Outside Boundary
- Annexation Applicants Inside Boundary
- Happy Valley
- Urban Growth Boundary

- #### Streets
- State Highway
 - Major Arterial
 - Minor Arterial
 - Collector
 - Neighborhood
 - Residential
 - Private



Source: Data from Clackamas County GIS and Metro Data (2016)
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Let's honor tradition and our neighbors this year

It is the season for sparkling skies and pops of noise, but while fireworks are synonymous with Independence Day for many, others in the community struggle this time of year with the random crash, bang, boom that seems to occur for much of the summer.

Our friends at Clackamas Fire and Happy Valley Police deal with the repercussions each year of fireworks that are handled inappropriately. Accidental fires and injuries are too common, especially when the people who are handling the fireworks are either inexperienced, like a child, or impaired.

People need to remember that they are handling explosives, and in the dark no less. Add any other factor to that and you have a potentially very dangerous situation.

Not only are fireworks a potential hazard in the wrong hands, but startling noise and flashes of light can be difficult for military veterans, pets, and small children. When firework events are expected, like on the holiday, these individuals can take precautions to lessen the impact by using noise canceling headphones, turning on music, or utilizing anti-anxiety options. However, it is difficult for someone to apply these strategies when fireworks are going off for weeks on end and at all times of

the night.

Illegal fireworks are against the law. And don't be mistaken, a ticket for illegal fireworks is more than a slap on the wrist. Fines can be up to \$1,000 and could result in a criminal charge. Damage to another person's property from fireworks, legal or not, carries a liability for the offender, who may be ordered to pay restitution for property damage and the expense incurred suppressing firework-caused fires.

So how do you make sure your fireworks are legal? Legal fireworks may be purchased only from Oregon permitted fireworks retailers and stands. Oregon law forbids the possession, use or sale of fireworks that fly, explode or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches in the air. Bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers are all **ILLEGAL** in Oregon.

This year, we will again be enforcing our zero tolerance policy when it comes to illegal fireworks. We also ask that firework fans are considerate when choosing to light their legal fireworks, setting off their fireworks in safe places, away from others' property, and at an appropriate time in the evening.

However, you can still get the fireworks show that you desire. Each year, the City plans a day-long, 4th of July celebration with a

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS TASK FORCE ON PATROL

Happy Valley will be conducting its eighth year of the City's "Zero Tolerance" campaign. Our law enforcement task force will be out on patrol and is dedicated to responding to every call of illegal fireworks in the City.

Your help in maintaining a safe community is appreciated. This year the City has several ways to report the use of illegal fireworks.

- Police/Fire Emergency 911 (emergency only)
- Non-emergency police dispatch 503-655-8211
- Email: fireworks@happyvalleyor.gov
- Facebook: @CityofHappyValley Send us a private message through our Facebook page

parade, carnival, music and entertainment, and ends the day with a spectacular firework display.

For the sake of the veterans, kids, pets and your neighbors, leave the fireworks show to us this year.



BE SMART this fireworks season



According to the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal, you can practice the 4 BEs to protect your family from fireworks related fires and injuries.

- Keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Remember, do not throw fireworks or hold them.

BE PREPARED:

- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Place pets indoors; they're easily frightened by fireworks.

BE RESPONSIBLE:

- Soak used fireworks thoroughly in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of used fireworks and debris properly.
- Never re-light "Dud" fireworks.

BE SAFE:

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Only use fireworks outdoors.
- Only light one firework at a time and move away.

BE AWARE:

- Use only legal fireworks and in legal places.
- Fireworks are prohibited at: beaches, State Parks, and State/Federal Forest lands.

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The Oregon Junco and the Western Tanager could call your backyard home.

With 4,500 urban and suburban yards currently in the program, the combined effect can have a huge impact on the region's wildlife. "Through this program, every yard and every gardener can play a meaningful role in revitalizing our

region for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife," said Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager for the Audubon Society of Portland. The program is open to private residences (under one acre), as well

as to schools, community groups, public institutions, and businesses. For \$35, a Habitat Technician will visit the participant's yard to identify noxious weeds and suggest beneficial native plants and other features that will attract and support birds and other wildlife. Recommendations are tailored to each participant's yard and interests. Participants also receive other perks such as discounted prices on native plants, coupons to local garden centers, follow-up technical assistance, and certification signs to display in their yard. To enroll or learn more, please visit www.backyardhabitats.org. Residents and groups with yards under one acre may start registering for the program immediately.

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JUNE 2018 Library Events

The Library will be closed on the 4th of July. Come see us at Happy Valley Park.

ADULT PROGRAMS

HAPPY VALLEY LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: Thursday, June 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

Read the book selection for the month and come to the library to discuss the book with other readers. This month we're reading *Small Blessings* by Martha Woodroof. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!

STRING-ALONG: Sundays, June 10 and 24, 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, jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

GENEALOGY CLUB: Mondays, June 11 and 25, 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!

WATER-WISE GARDENING: Tuesday, June 12, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Master Gardener Judy Fulton will help you create a garden that can deal with the dry months, save on the water bills, and still give interest and color. She will go over why it is important, plants that can make it work, and tools and gardening approaches that will assure success.

NOTE NIGHT: Wednesday, June 13, 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 Cheesman, a singer/songwriter and guitarist performing a variety of original songs and instrumentals.

E-BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS WORKSHOP: Thursday, June 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Did you know that the library has books that you can download for free to your Kindle, tablet, or phone? Stop in for a demonstration and learn all about it. Feel free to bring your device and we will help you get started.

BOARD GAME CONNECTION: Thursday, June 28, 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

LET'S LEGO (AGES 5 AND UP): Saturdays, June 16, 1:30-3 p.m.

We'll supply the LEGOs; you bring your creativity!

DRAGON PUPPET THEATER (PREK-5TH GRADE): Wednesday June 27, 1:30, 3:30 & 6:30pm

Follow a caveman through history as he explores music.

TEEN LOCK IN: Thursday, June 28, 7:30-10pm

School's out! Hang out and celebrate in the library with fun, food, games, and (if you're brave) a lip-sync battle. Check-in from 7:30-8; the Library will be closed and doors locked at 8pm.

FIELD DAY: Thursdays, July 5 10am-12pm @ Village Green Park

Crafts, sports and games with the Library in the park.

VIDEO GAME TOURNEY: (for ages 10+) Thursday July 5, 4-5:30pm

It's a Super Smash Bros. Brawl competition.

For the full summer program schedule, visit <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/happy-valley-library/programs/summer-programs>

REWARDS FOR READING

Calling all readers! Make the Happy Valley Library your first stop this summer and sign up for the 2018 Summer Reading Program. The reading program is a great way to continue to learn, explore and use your imagination throughout the summer - while also earning really cool prizes! The program is open to readers (and listeners) of all ages.

Children of all ages (0-18 years) can sign up from June 1 until August 8. Readers who turn in their completed reading log by August 31 will receive prizes and coupons for more fun activities, like a ticket to a Trail Blazer game, a swim pass to the Aquatic Center, tickets to the Oregon State Fair, a reduced-price ride bracelet for Oaks Park and more.

"We've been participating in the Happy Valley Summer Reading Program for several years now. My children thoroughly enjoy the satisfaction of reading every day and checking it off on paper, listing their favorite books, and getting a book prize at the end! One year, one of my children won a big prize and that was very exciting," said Heather Cornbleth, a Happy Valley Library patron.

The summer reading program, which is completely free to participants, encourages young readers to read what-

ever they want, helping to instill a love of reading for recreation. Is your young reader still trying to get into a reading groove? Ask a library staff member for help! They can work with your child's interests and match them with books at the right reading level and genres that will keep them interested in reading far beyond the summer.

Adults - don't feel left out! You also can participate in the summer reading program. Join in our Summer Book BINGO fun. Each book you read qualifies for an entry in the weekly prize drawings. For every BINGO, you earn an entry into the Grand Prize drawing for a two-night stay at the Sylvia Beach Hotel in Newport! Weekly drawings will start on June 25 and end with the grand prize drawing on August 27.

"It has been exciting to see the Adult Summer Reading Program grow over the last few years. People really seem to enjoy the fun challenge of our Book BINGO. Local businesses have been very supportive in offering great prizes to reward lucky readers. And having grand prizes of vacation getaways last year and this year get even more people excited to participate," said Doug Jones, Adult Services Librarian.

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Sunrise Water will begin construction on a 3-million-gallon water reservoir in June 2018. Image: construction of Reservoir 10 in 2004.

Construction of water reservoir to begin in June

Sunrise Water Authority is set to begin construction on a new 3-million-gallon concrete reservoir. The goal of the project is to responsibly meet the growing needs of the Happy Valley community and honor a standing commitment to provide safe, reliable water to all of Sunrise's customers in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

The new reservoir will be built adjacent to an existing 2.5-million-gallon reservoir on Sunrise property located between SE Verlie Street and SE Hadeed Drive. Space has been reserved at this site since 2007 for this purpose. The project is part of the agency's 20-year Capital Improvement Plan and will provide essential storage for service, fire protection and improved seismic resiliency.

Construction should start in mid-June, subject to final permitting by the City and State. The project has three

major phases: (1) excavation to set a floor to the same level as the existing reservoir; (2) construction of the reservoir itself; and, (3) backfilling and site restoration. In the end, the reservoir will be nestled into the hillside and partially buried, blending it into the landscape and minimizing its visual impact on the neighborhood. Once constructed, the ground around the reservoir will also be well landscaped to improve site aesthetics.



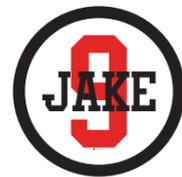
During construction, the walkway on 147th Avenue will be closed to pedestrian and bicycle access. Construction vehicles will travel to and from the site along SE -Misty Way and SE Verlie Street. Soil and rock excavated from the site will be stockpiled on property at SE Armstrong Circle, just north of the intersection of Highway 212 and SE 172nd. Construction vehicles will not be permitted to block traffic on SE Verlie

Street and material deliveries will generally be made along the SE Faris Street side of the site. Regular school bus routes in the neighborhood will also not be disrupted. Sunrise is further requiring the contractor to provide noise and dust control, in addition to regular street sweeping. The entire site will be fenced during construction to provide security and control to site access.

Excavation and construction is expected to take 17 months, followed by 5 months of backfill and final grading. The objective is to have the reservoir in operation by late summer of 2019 with landscaping completed shortly after. Work hours will be limited to Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. No weekend work will be allowed without special approval. Additional details and project updates can be found on the project website at www.sunrisewater.com/reservoir11 or by calling Kim Anderson, Community Affairs, at 503-683-7383.

MY BEST DAY

We are so proud of this event, which not only raises funds for local high school graduates, but because it is a day in which we can remind so many local families that we will never stop walking along side of them, providing our love and support. This event is to celebrate the beauty of friendship and community.



Sunday, June 10, 2018

Clackamas High School Track
14486 SE 122nd Ave. Clackamas, OR 97015

7:30 am Registration and Packet Pick-up

8:30 am Kid's Zone Opens

9:00 am 5k Run and walk

10:00 am Recognition of CHS graduating seniors

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This non-timed event will start and finish at the track. Refreshments, music and friends will be waiting at the finish line. We offer a supervised Kid's Zone, so parents can participate in the event, knowing their kiddos are having a great time in a safe, fun environment.

Rock Creek Middle School's Sparrow Club enjoys soaring success

In December, Rock Creek Middle School unofficially adopted Oscar Triplett, a 5-year-old boy with extensive medical needs. The school adopted Oscar through Sparrow Clubs USA, a nonprofit organization that helps students raise funds for medically fragile children.

The RCMS student council was looking for a community-based organization they could help. They found Sparrow Clubs USA, which paired local businesses with the school's 870 students and Oscar.

Over the school year, students on the Sparrow Club Committee collectively logged 424 hours of service in Oscar's name. They raised \$2,560 through their community service work, plus an additional \$200. A community member also donated \$100 to Oscar's fund.

To earn service dollars, "students

completed a variety of community service projects including helping neighbors mowing lawns and cleaning up their yards, helping at homeless shelters and food banks, and volunteering at their church," said Emily Gregson, student council instructor. Local businesses agreed to donate \$10 to Oscar's fund for each hour of student community service, with a set cap.

"The great thing is, it levels the playing field. It doesn't matter who you are in the crowd because everyone can give one hour," said Laura Queen, director of Sparrow Clubs USA. "They don't need grades, they don't even need money. They don't have to be the best looking or the most popular because anyone can go out and serve. And from that moment on, they are inspired."

One notable student who volunteers and trains with a local search and res-

"The students learn the value of helping others."

— Laura Queen, Sparrow Clubs USA director

cue team logged over 135 service hours to benefit Oscar. Oscar was invited to lunch with the students, and the Sparrow Club Committee sold bracelets and created a box for students to write notes for Oscar.

"I saw people come together and really want to help," said Erin Taylor, a seventh-grader.

The Sparrow Club Committee is eager to get school approval for next year.

"I think of this experience of our kindness from the whole school as a spark to make that huge fire, not only for the family but for other families and for yourself" said sixth-grader Brielle Lowry.



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HV schools see staff changes

Scouters Mountain principal retires; two others take new positions

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

In June, Scouters Mountain Elementary School Principal Kevin Spooner will retire from education. Over the course of his 30-year career, all with the North Clackamas School District, he held several different positions in special education, technology, classroom teaching at the middle school level, and as elementary school principal.

"I will remember the kindness of our students and their families. I will always remember the excitement for learning on the part of our students, especially that of our kindergarten students," Spooner said. "I'll miss the conversations about teaching and learning that I have had with our teachers, parents and, especially, students. Learning is the thing for me. It sustains my spirit and keeps me moving forward in life."

For Spooner, time spent encouraging teachers will be a lasting memory. He is most proud of his work to hire and support teachers.

"Teaching is a challenging job, and I wish that more could be done to recognize the great work that happens in the classrooms for each and every one of our students," he said. "I will treasure memories of my work with a highly committed group of teachers and staff members who work hard each day to bring relevant and meaningful learning experiences to our students that will last a lifetime."

"Our students are truly inspired to become lifelong learners because of their teachers,"



Scouters Mountain Principal Kevin Spooner, seen here with a student, will retire after this year. Although retiring from North Clackamas School District, he will continue to make a difference in the educational field.

"The morning will not be the same next year without seeing Mr. Spooner welcoming all the kids to class each day."

Lisa Bassett, PTA treasurer, parent

he said.

Although Spooner is retiring from Scouters Mountain, he plans to continue further work in education. He will teach a summer class at the University of Portland and will enjoy the new flexibility of his schedule to spend time "to support my family, travel and serve the community in some new and different



Curtis Long, principal at Spring Mountain Elementary School, will transfer over to Scouters Mountain Elementary School to fill the vacancy of Spooner's retirement.

ways.

"I think I will always be around to support teaching and learning in schools as long as I am alive. It means that much to me," Spooner said.

Curtis Long

Spring Mountain Elementary School Principal Curtis Long will leave the school to become principal at Scouters Mountain Elementary School.

"After seven years of feeling like I had the best job in the world, I'm sure I'll be emotional when I walk out Spring Mountain's doors for the last time. The community is filled with such special staff and families," Long said.

"Yet, at the same time, I can't wait to meet all the great Scouters students, families and staff members. It's exciting to get to join a school community that's already built such a well-earned positive reputation in such a short time."

"My goal is to keep the school thriving and not get lost in the hallways!"



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Happy Valley Middle School Assistant Principal Scott Roosevelt has taken a position at Milwaukie Academy of the Arts, a school he once taught at.

Scott Roosevelt

Scott Roosevelt, assistant principal at Happy Valley Middle School, has accepted a position at Milwaukie Academy of the Arts, a school he previously taught at for six years. Starting in September, he is excited to return to a building with new opportunities to learn and grow professionally, yet he is reflective of his time at HVMS.

"There is a lot that I am proud to say I was a part of while at Happy Valley Middle School. The first was the adoption of a new schedule that gives students more time in math, science and language arts courses and increased access to electives," Roosevelt said.

"The second is AVID. AVID has had a tremendous impact schoolwide as teachers continue to implement AVID instructional strategies and students are learning valuable organization skills," he said. "Last is our equity work to confront issues of racism and non-inclusion."

Congratulations, Hailey Kilgore!



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Hailey Kilgore, 19, originally from Happy Valley, has been nominated for a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Ti Moune in Broadway's Caribbean-themed musical "Once on This Island." The Tony Awards will be broadcast live on TV on June 10. In addition, Kilgore has been nominated for a 2018 Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Actress in a Musical, a Chita Rivera Award for Outstanding Female Dancer in a Broadway Show, and a Drama League award for distinguished performance.

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Due to collection volume and space limitations, this event must be limited to Happy Valley* residents. (*97086 zip code is not always within City boundaries. Bring I.D. for address verification within City boundaries.)

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Happy Valley dads reflect on fatherhood, family

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

FATHERHOOD: One of the noblest of jobs ever entails more than just having a child — it is a lifelong commitment.

We celebrate all the wonderful things dads do, like driving kids to games and practices, enjoying an afternoon tea party with a daughter and her stuffed animals, helping with homework, throwing the football in the yard and ignoring the broken window, or playing one last round of Fortnite.

On Sunday, June 17, we celebrate Father's Day. Here's what some in Happy Valley have to say about being a dad:

"Fatherhood means to me being a positive role model to my children and their friends. Showing them the skills they need to learn that they don't teach in school. How to treat others no matter who it is. Hard work and respect and, most of all, love. The best part of fatherhood for me has been spending time with my kids, coaching, outdoor activities, going on field trips, showing them things and places I was not able to see when I was younger. And watching them grow up."

— **Grier Kishpaugh**
owner Authentic Home Inspections and father to Dylan, Natalie and Timothy

"The best part of fatherhood is watching and experiencing the growth of both of our girls. Each little milestone has its own experience

and excitement. They have become my little buddies! I have a special bond with my father that has helped positively shape who I am today. I can only hope that I'm able to pass that same experience on to my girls and help them become successful women."

— **Brian Alfano**
Unitus Bank, father to Ella and Addi

"Being a father has been extremely rewarding in so many ways, especially watching them both grow and mature into loving, caring, respectful and hard-working individuals. I have enjoyed seeing them become fine young men both inside our home, in their schools, and in the world. It has been a complete joy to have the honor of being the father of these two wonderful boys that God has so blessed me with."

— **Derick Callan**
Timber Creek Construction, father to Cooper and Walker

"The best part of fatherhood has been getting to pass the legacy of my father and his public service on to my sons so they, too, will be future leaders wherever they choose to reside. To me, fatherhood is my No. 1 job and priority, where I focus on leading my children by setting the example, and it is a job that I love."

— **David Golobay**
Happy Valley city councilor, father to Gabe and Ethan

"To be a father is the greatest honor in the world. I truly believe

that you do not get to choose your family, they're God's gift to you."

— **Russ Dyer**
Financial adviser, father to Austin, Alexa, Sierra, and Alexa

"It's great to simply be a part of my kids' experiences as they discover new things about themselves and the world. It gives me great joy to guide them toward being well-rounded, compassionate members of the community."

— **Chip Dunn**
self-employed, father to Charlie and Isaac

"Fatherhood is spending as much time with my children as I possibly can and making sure they feel respected, accepted, supported and loved every single moment I spend with them."

— **Orlando Perez**
Scouters Mountain Elementary School PTA President, father to Ethan and Sophia



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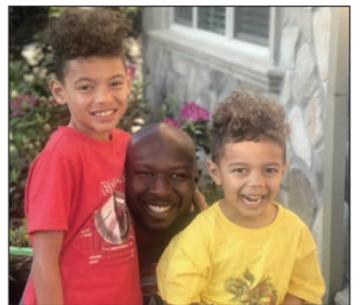
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PAYING IT FORWARD

Adoptee Belen Curran honors her Guatemalan roots through fundraising, service

Happy Valley Elementary School fifth-grader Belen Curran started her life in a Guatemalan orphanage after her biological mother could not care for her. While at the orphanage, 6-month-old Belen met her future parents, Happy Valley residents Sue and Bill Curran, and their son Will, who secured her adoption.

The story of international adoption is not unique, but in Belen's situation, the Guatemalan government shut down all international adoptions in 2007 due to pressure from the U.S. State Department wanting to comply with the U.N. Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption. Called Ortega's Law, it was intended to protect children from fraudulent adoptions, yet in reality, it hindered many viable adoptions of the very children it was intended to protect.

Considered one of the "Guatemalan 900," Belen's adoption status was in limbo when Ortega's Law was enacted. It wasn't until a year later, when Belen was 17 months old, that her adoption was allowed to proceed and she was allowed to go to her new home with the Currans.

"We had such a strong connection to her orphanage. We knew that she was being loved on and sung to and cared for," Sue said. "At the orphanage, the women who cared for the

kids were called 'special mothers,' and we visit them to continue to foster their relationship. Even the pediatrician is still there."

Ten years later, there are still children waiting to go home with their adoptive parents. When the adoption process halted, so did international funding for the orphanage. Because of the Currans' strong connection to the orphanage, the family travels to Guatemala often to retain a link to Belen's heritage and to bring supplies to the orphanage that cared for her.

"My dad is an engineer, and he will go with and do work at the orphanage or we will raise money or help with their needs because there are still about 40 children at the orphanage. Some are brought in now, and they are not up for adoption. It's considered an orphan-care home now," Sue

said. Belen spends numerous hours on fundraising efforts to purchase food, water filters and basic necessities for not only the orphanage, but also families in poor communities she visits in Guatemala. She even has organized a clothing and shoe drive for children living in extreme poverty. Belen speaks fluent Spanish and is able to communicate easily with the people she meets.

"She has a huge heart for helping



Happy Valley Elementary Student Belen Curran helps to raise money for children in Guatemala. The fifth grader was born in Guatemala and adopted out, yet she still feels a strong connection to her heritage and the orphanage that cared for her.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY SUE CURRAN

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND



others," Sue said. "She loves to share her experience and to bring people into her world with her."

Recently, Belen has asked to help work with students with special needs at HVES. She goes in twice a week to read and play with them during the school year. Her own school interests include reading, writing, art, history and leadership.

"My adoption does affect me sometimes. I'm really proud of my story. People ask me about my name and about my background and memories. I'm really proud of it," Belen said. "I am thankful and grateful here with better education and a better life than what I'd have in Guatemala."

Every summer, Belen and her family attend Latin American Heritage Camp in Colorado. It is a favorite event for Belen who, along with 200 other children, all adopted from Latin American countries, have the opportunity to share cultural activities and connect with other families with similar backgrounds.

Belen is looking forward to starting middle school in the fall where she will take Spanish, leadership



Belen, second from left, visits Guatemala and the children still left at the orphanage. She helps many children, including some that live at the dump, by donating useful items she has brought.

and choir as electives. For her future, she is trying to decide on whether to be a pediatric oncologist or play Elpheba, the Wicked Witch of the West in the popular Broadway play, "Wicked." She loves to read biographies of influential women as well as play basketball, swim, travel, act and sing. Belen recently sang the

national anthem at an opening-day baseball ceremony and swim meets.

"She is one who is going to lead something big in her future. She has had some amazing life experiences and has really made a determination to make this world great," said Diana Ngai, principal at HVES.

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How the West was spun

Local author Dick Etulain explores myths, realities of Old and New West

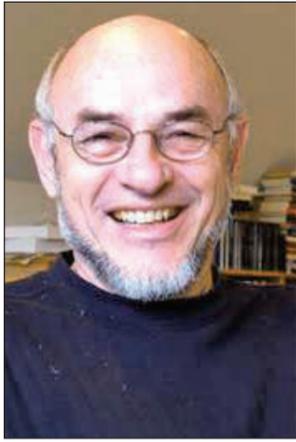
BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Dick Etulain has an impressive library. The Clackamas resident has written and edited more than 50 books. His latest, "Presidents Who Shaped the American West," looks at early U.S. presidents who understood the importance of the vast lands to the west and the need to control its future with policies like the Homestead Act, Louisiana Purchase, or complex treaties that affected Native American tribes.

Born in 1938 to a "Basque immigrant livestockman and a sod-house frontier mother," Etulain grew up on sheep and cattle ranches in small-town Eastern Washington. His experiences on those ranches helped shape his ideal of the New West.

"I was reared in the 1940s and 1950s when the dominant images were of a historic Old West, in which eastern newcomers competed with Native Americans to control the West," he said. "We were tied to the romantic images spread by Zane Grey, Louis L'Amour and John Wayne. It wasn't until later that I experienced a post-frontier West and saw the limitations of those legendary views of a Wild West."

Over time, "these two images (Old and New West) allowed me to see a larger, more complex American West."



Dick Etulain

Encouraged by his grandmother and mother to read, Etulain loved the "Hardy Boys" series, sports stories and other pre-adult books. In high school, he enjoyed history and literature, but gravitated toward math. He attended Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, and attended graduate school at the University of Oregon.

"I knew little about town life until I went off to college," he said. "So I knew ranchers and farmers much better than the lifestyles of urban dwellers."

At Northwest Nazarene, Etulain encountered excellent teachers who further encouraged his love of history and literature, where he earned a double bachelor of arts degree in English and history. In graduate school at the University of Oregon, he married the two fields with a doctoral dis-

sertation about Ernest Haycox, an Oregon author best known for his novel "Stagecoach," which was turned into an Oscar-nominated movie featuring John Wayne.

It wasn't until years later that Etulain turned his dissertation into a book. "Ernest Haycox and the Western" was published in 2017. Among his works, Etulain has written the award-winning "Re-imagining the Modern American West: A Century of Fiction, History and Art," co-authored "Conversations: Wallace Stegner on History and Literature," and edited numerous other books. Currently, Etulain is writing a two-volume study of the notorious Old West figure Billy the Kid. He hopes to complete the project this fall and immediately begin writing a book about Abraham Lincoln and Mount Rushmore.

Not only a prolific writer, Etulain spent many years as a college-level instructor of history, literature and American studies at NNC, Idaho State University and the University of New Mexico. He chose schools that "allowed me to nourish my mania for research and writing." In 1979, Etulain was elected president of the Western Literature Association and in 1999 of the Western History Association.

After retiring from the University of New Mexico in 2001, Etulain and his wife, Joyce, a retired librarian, moved to Clackamas to be near their daughter, Jackie, who was working for the Clackamas County Library system. A

self-described, lifelong evangelical Christian, Etulain has lectured about the American West in numerous countries including Mexico, India, Germany, Norway and New Zealand. Recently, he spoke in Ukraine as a Fulbright lecturer and as a presenter at the Basque University in Spain.

"The Old West legends hang on longer overseas than within our own country. It astounded me to hear as late as 20 to 30 years ago from non-Americans that they worried about visiting the U.S. and having to confront Indians," he said. "Because the rural and Old West images are so strong in the American and worldwide mind, we fail to realize that the U.S. west of the Mississippi is the most urban part of the United States and now the most populous."

Furthermore, the largest percentages of Native Americans, Mexican-Americans and Asian-Americans and a large percentage of African-Americans reside in the western U.S., particularly in California and Texas.

"History, like our individual lives, records experiences. Just as we learn from our achievements and mistakes, so the U.S. and other countries should draw on their histories and plan the future," Etulain said. "Beyond that very practical reason for knowing and understanding our history, the study of the past gives us perspective for today and tomorrow."

For more information, visit: www.richardetulain.com.

OTHER LOCAL AUTHORS TO READ THIS SUMMER

KRISTINA MCMORRIS

New York Times best-selling author Kristina McMorris writes historical fiction, including "The Edge of Lost" and "The Pieces We Keep." Her latest novel, "Sold on a Monday," will be available Aug. 28, and explores a heartbreaking decision made during the Great Depression.



MCMORRIS

MARK TEPPO

A science fiction and contemporary fantasy author, Mark Teppo has written numerous novels and short stories. He enjoyed writing "Solitaire," which he describes as "having two fantastic characters who constantly roll their eyes at each other's idiosyncrasies, while wandering about the American West in the 1870s, fighting crime and doing away with supernatural beasts."



TEPPO

KARL WIEGERS

The author of "The Reconstruction" and numerous computer books has added a new title to his collection: "Going It Alone: Essential Tips for the Independent Consultant." An independent contractor for 20 years, Wiegiers wrote about what he learned during that time. "It's the kind of information I wish I had had available 21 years ago," Wiegiers said.



WIEGIERS

DEVELOPMENT 101 — INFRASTRUCTURE

Did you know that several of the streets in Happy Valley were not built by the City? Neither were many of the trails, sewer pipes, or water lines. Most of the infrastructure we depend on for our everyday life was built by the property developer. How does the City ensure the infrastructure built by developers is high quality, to standard, and accommodates more than one particular development? These are important questions that our city engineers ask with each new development.



Most developments are required to build or upgrade public facilities at their own expense. Developers are not only obligated to provide the water and sewer pipes to serve the new buildings, they often have to construct roads, trails, parks, and set land aside as open space. Examples include the Mt. Scott Nature Park and trail system; the community center, open spaces and trail system in the Taralon Master Planned Community; and, large open spaces and trail systems in developments such as Jackson Hills and the Reserve. Fortunately, all residents get to benefit from the public facilities and amenities added to the community.

While the general public is not tasked with funding the construction of these projects, the City and Home Builder Associations are required to maintain many of them long after the developer has moved to new site. In an effort to protect limited financial resources and decrease future maintenance, the role of our city engineers is to ensure the roads, pipes, trails, and other projects are constructed to a high standard. Once developments are granted their land use approvals, our city engineers work with the developers and contractors to review the infrastructure design guidelines.

They ensure the road widths are correct, curb cuts provide ADA accessibility, catch basins allow room for storm water runoff, and many more standards will be followed. Once construction begins, city engineers inspect the progress. They make sure the rock base of roads is sturdy enough to handle the weight of asphalt, concrete is cured at the proper temperature, and pipes are installed at the right depths. The engineering team guarantees that new infrastructure is properly connected to the existing system and that new construction doesn't damage the public right-of-way. By reviewing plans against proven engineering design stan-

dards and inspecting the construction of infrastructure, our goal is to maximize the life of public infrastructure. City engineers are integral in safeguarding public dollars by making sure we take ownership of high quality infrastructure that is cost-effective to maintain. *The next time you see a yellow vest out inspecting a project, be sure to tip your hat and say thanks. In the meantime, stay tuned for the article next month where we will explore a similar role our building plans examiners and inspectors play to ensure all new homes and businesses are safe.*

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VALLEY DENTAL WORKS



CHS students attend presentation given by motivational speaker, Kevin Brooks, about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving. Through a grant from Clackamas County's Drive to Zero, Happy Valley Youth Council was able to bring this speaker to the school.



Kevin Brooks Talks Teen Driving Dangers

ABOUT KEVIN BROOKS

Kevin Brooks is a leading youth speaker on suicide prevention, overcoming obstacles and impaired driving. He is living proof that one poor choice can change one's life forever, or even end it. From his wheelchair, Kevin tells the story of the night that changed his life forever... Kevin left a party, driving at excessive speeds after a night of drinking. He was not alone. Beside him sat his passenger and childhood friend Brendan. The result — a horrific crash. Brendan didn't walk away from the crash. Neither did Kevin.



Today, Kevin shares his life-changing story with audiences of all ages and sizes across North America and has reached over half a million people in thousands of high schools and community-sponsored events. His honest and straightforward presentation reaches students like none other. Kevin's unique style of motivation inspires people to appreciate life in profound new ways, and audiences leave his presentation with real-life strategies for making better, smarter moment-to-moment decisions.

With the Memorial Day holiday, the 100 deadliest days of summer for teen drivers began. According to AAA, crashes involving teens increase 16% during this time of year. On May 16, students at Clackamas High School had the opportunity to listen to motivational speaker, Kevin Brooks, share his very powerful and impactful story about underage drinking, impaired driving, and dealing with the aftermath caused by these tragic decisions.

SUMMER DRIVING DANGERS

- Recreational versus purposeful driving
- Driving in unfamiliar areas
- Friends in the car
- Distractions like technology, food, noise
- Alcohol/drugs
- Driving after dark

Kevin's story is a great way to start a conversation with the young drivers in your life about the consequences of their decisions. For more information, visit www.kevinbrooks.ca/kevinstory/.

The Happy Valley Youth Council worked with Clackamas County's Drive to Zero on the grant that made this event possible.

Thank you for keeping our roads safe.

Sue Hennessy thanks the community for all the love and support

Long time Happy Valley resident, Sue Hennessy, receives community support on May 20 at the DogGon Kickin' it 5K for Sue.

She has been battling colorectal cancer.

Her message is to get your Colonoscopy, it's not worth putting it off.



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From left to right: Vikki Melrose, LeAnn and Herb Gelo, Kathy Houf, Sue Hennessy, Daniel Houf and Michelle Gelo



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In 2016 and 2017, respectively 59 and 61 DUII arrests were made in the City of Happy Valley. Those arrests account for approximately 10% of all the DUII arrests by Deputies in all of Clackamas County.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office also wants to remind you of a misconception regarding the .08% limit. Many refer to this standard as the "Legal Limit." In Oregon, a person commits the offense of driving under the influence of intoxicants if their blood alcohol level is at or above .08% or if their mental or

physical faculties are impaired to a noticeable and perceptible degree. Persons under the influence can be held accountable, despite a blood alcohol level under the .08% limit. Please also keep in mind that marijuana and/or prescription medications, albeit obtained lawfully, can still impair your ability to safely operate a vehicle and can result in arrest.

If you've had too many, we encourage you to walk home or call a cab/ride-share. The penalties for a first-time DUI Oregon offender are: two days to one year in jail or 80 hours of community service, and a minimum fine of \$1,000. If your blood alcohol reading (BAC) is .15 or greater, the fine minimum jumps to \$2,000.

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