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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT brings community TOGETHER



▼ Sargent Brett Ethington and Deputy Chase Fredrickson, both with Happy Valley Police, were eager to talk to residents and answer questions.

▲ Community event, National Night Out, encourages partnerships between residents and local first responders. The experience serves to bring awareness to effective safety practices while strengthening relationships with police, firefighters, and other safety heroes. Between interactive safety booths and live music, the event created the perfect evening for summer fun.



City of Happy Valley

On Aug. 3, the City of Happy Valley gathered at Happy Valley Park to celebrate National Night Out, a nationwide event that serves to build relationships between residents and promote community partnerships with local first responders.

The event offered an evening of summer fun that included food and beverage vendors, educational and

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The Happy Valley Veterans Memorial honors veterans of all armed service branches with a new memorial park, consisting of a linear pathway and plaza. Each armed service branch is represented in the memorial with a custom bench, branch flag and lighted flagpole.

## Dozens attend Veterans Memorial dedication

Each branch of military honored with pole, bench at City Hall plaza

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Amid the thrum of martial music, the city of Happy Valley dedicated the Veterans Memorial on Aug. 20 at

the plaza next to City Hall.

The master of ceremonies, city of Happy Valley Director of Community Services and Public Safety Steve Campbell, welcomed dozens of current servicepeople, veterans, Mayor Tom Ellis, city councilors, city employees and residents to the dedication.

During the ceremony, Lovey James performed the national anthem, and state Support Chaplain Jacob A. Scott gave the invocation. Special recognition was paid to the Veterans

Memorial, Parks Advisory and Public Art committees. Flags representing each branch of military service were hoisted by veteran representatives while trumpeter Paul Mazzio played taps.

The idea for the Happy Valley Veterans Memorial started more than two years ago.

“Several years ago, our City Council wanted to enhance the labyrinth we have on site.

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## ‘SUNFLOWERS FOR LEAH’ honors Happy Valley woman

Sales of Kathy Stewart’s paintings at Cup of Tea to benefit osteosarcoma nonprofit

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

When Leah Chelsky died in 2020 from osteosarcoma, artist Kathy Stewart wanted to do something to honor her friend’s daughter.

Stewart was moved by a photo of Chelsky holding a sunflower by her face and used the picture as inspiration. She painted “Sunflowers for Leah,” a series of 13 mixed-media paintings on display at Cup of Tea through Oct. 10. All proceeds will benefit MIB Agents, a leading osteosarcoma nonprofit.

“Leah was a bright, kind, shining person who was interested in nature and doing good in the world. She grew up in Happy Valley and, like most children, she had a long list of things she wanted to



“To create this feels like gratitude.”  
— Kathy Stewart

Kathy Smith sits at Cup of Tea where her art installation, ‘Sunflowers for Leah’ are displayed. All proceeds will go to the nonprofit MIB Agents in honor of her friend Leah Chelsky.

do and places she wanted to see,” Stewart said.

“She was the best listener and held so much love for the important people in her life, including her cats.”

Chelsky enjoyed any adventure outdoors and volunteered with the Rock Creek Wetland Restoration Project.

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interactive safety booths, and live musical entertainment sponsored by Emmert International. Throughout the evening, popular cover band, Hit Machine, kept the crowd engaged as residents and visitors came together to pay tribute to their local safety heroes.

### Safety first!

Getting to know your neighbors is one of the best ways to fight crime and create a community that actively promotes safety. A neighborhood that is connected is much more likely to recognize suspicious activity and take notice when something is amiss. National Night Out reinforces this and is the perfect catalyst for encouraging neighbors to get acquainted. Whether it be crime, medical emergency, or anything in between, this annual event gives community and safety representatives an opportunity to share contact information, problem solve challenges, and simply get to know one another better.

Team members from Happy Valley Police Department, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, and Clackamas Fire District #1 were all present for the event. Residents were encouraged to check out their emergency vehicles and rigs, test out the sirens, and ask lots of questions. City Council-



The group from Vista Heights was all smiles. The event encouraged HOA's and neighborhoods to sit together at the event to further encourage connections.

ors, City staff and members of the Traffic and Public Safety Committee were also in attendance. In addition to these primary safety officials, the City extended an invitation to a variety of other safety industries whose work is valuable to community health and wellness.

### Save the Date

National Night Out 2022 is slated to take place Tuesday, Aug. 2. Be sure to follow the City of Happy Valley on Facebook or check out [www.happyvalleyor.gov](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov) for information about future events.



Members from Clackamas County Search and Rescue pose for a quick photo. Their booth showcased the equipment they use for a variety of maneuvers.



Promoting home and environmental safety, a representative from Water Environmental Services talks with kids (and adults) about the importance of keeping drain lines clear.



▲ Seargent Brett Ethington with Happy Valley Police Department was on site answering resident questions.

◀ Event goers had the chance to check out several safety rigs. Here, a young resident sits in a vehicle used by Search and Rescue. Other experiences included climbing aboard a Clackamas Fire District fire engine and seeing the interior of a Happy Valley Police Department patrol car.

► Hit Machine, a popular cover band, had attendees dancing the night away.



A representative from C-COM talks with event attendees. The booth offered kid-friendly information that explained how 9-1-1 dispatch service operates.



A horse from Clackamas County Sheriff's Posse greets an event attendee with a kiss. Founded in 1939, the Posse can be found at fairs, parades, and other community events, where they often help with patrol efforts.



# Leah

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Because of her volunteer work, she was inspired to earn a degree in environmental science and graduated from the University of Oregon in 2016.

Later that year, as she was starting her postgraduate life with internships at wildlife parks and refuges in both California and Texas, she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a rare and underfunded childhood cancer.

Over the next few years, Chelsky's life was filled with oncology appointments and treatments including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and clinical trials. She died March



Kathy Smith's collection is a tribute to Happy Valley resident Leah Chelsky who died from osteosarcoma in 2020.

2020 and is survived by her parents, older brother, older sister and twin sister.

The Stewart and Chelsky families had been friends for years, but their friendship was deepened by cancer. In 1990, Stewart's 3-year-old son,



David, was diagnosed with a brain tumor.

"We were some of the lucky ones. He had surgery and chemotherapy and survived. David is now a 34-year-old physician," she said. "He spent the bulk of last year taking care

of COVID-19 patients."

Stewart grew up in Guam and completed her medical education at Oregon Health & Science University followed by residency in Louisville, Kentucky. She served three years in the U.S. Air Force be-



CHELSKY FAMILY

desire to create her whole life, it's no surprise Stewart became a painter in 2017.

Creating a series of beautiful artworks to honor Chelsky has deep meaning for Stewart.

"To create this feels like gratitude. Being thankful for the luck that we had with our son's diagnosis and sadness about the path that Leah and her family had to take," she said.

"But knowing her family wants to contribute toward finding a cure for osteosarcoma and whatever we make from the show will help."

Stewart is continuing her education by taking classes and creating more artwork, especially landscapes.

For more information, visit [www.kathystewartstudios.com](http://www.kathystewartstudios.com), [www.cupoftea.com](http://www.cupoftea.com), [www.mibagents.org](http://www.mibagents.org).

# Memorial

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They decided on a veterans memorial. We got together a group of local veterans and teamed them up with a couple members of the Parks Advisory Committee and Public Art Committee and brought a consultant on board to help with the vision," Assistant City Manager Ben Bryant said.

"There is a pole and bench for each branch of military, and they really wanted to keep the labyrinth, which signifies taking a walk with veterans. It provides a place in the city to honor and recognize our veterans."

Vietnam veteran Chuck Morris raised the Navy flag at the ceremony and was a member of the Veterans Memorial Committee. He said he felt honored to be on the committee and see the project through the first phase. Two more phases are scheduled.

"It's a good feeling to see the community and City Hall come together to build this," Morris said. "As a veteran, it feels like a thank you and a recognition of our service. I'm not worthy, but still, as a veteran, we paid a



The City of Happy Valley Veterans Memorial is located at City Hall 16000 S.E. Misty Dr.

price to have the freedom we have today."

Many organizations and people partnered with the Happy Valley Parks Advisory Committee in the grant-writing process that awarded the city nearly \$75,000 from the state of Oregon to build the memorial.

Those organizations included Three Rivers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1324, former Oregon state senator Alan Olsen, 364 Civil Affairs Brigade Department of the Army. East Metro Association of Realtors contributed \$1,000 to the project. The memorial was built in collaboration with Fertile Ground, which created the original design and cost a total of \$235,809.

"I worked with Happy Valley on a master plan. The first



Left to right: Happy Valley City Councilor David Emami, Mayor Tom Ellis (who raised the U.S. Coast Guard flag), City Councilor David Golobay and City Councilor Brett Sherman.

phase was to build the labyrinth, then to add the veterans memorial component. I helped lead veterans, community and the city through the discernment process of how to create the project," said Stephen Shibley, Fertile Ground owner.

"From there, other parties got involved including Pace Engineering and Covey Pardee Landscaping, and they helped with construction documents so this phase could be built out."

Mayor Ellis served in the U.S. Coast Guard, and the project

has special meaning to him. "It means a great deal to me; it's near and dear to my heart," Ellis said. "To have this memorial in Happy Valley is important to me and other veterans. I'm proud. This memorial is intended to honor all the sacrifices of veterans everywhere in every branch of the service."

"I hope that as mayor, the Veterans Memorial will be an integral landmark in the city of Happy Valley for years to come."

For more information, visit: [www.happyvalleyor.gov](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov).



The plaza includes a stone labyrinth to "walk with veterans," symbolic landscaping. The first phase of the memorial is completed and the subsequent two phases will include sculptural elements and art components, and retaining walls will be engraved to memorialize the veteran sacrifice.



Al Calaza, Private 1st Class U.S. Army veteran hoists the Army Flag while "Taps" was played. PHOTOS BY: SHELLEY MCFARLAND



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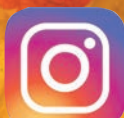
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From left to right: Councilor David Emami, Mayor Tom Ellis, Council President David Golobay, and Councilor Brett Sherman help celebrate newly art installed at City Hall with artists Jenny Ellsworth, Ben Dye, and Rick True.

## Sculpture Garden Tour

On Aug. 17, the Happy Valley City Council toured six new sculptures on exhibit at City Hall. It was a pleasure to join art enthusiasts, residents, and Public Art Committee members to hear directly from the sculpture artists. After learning about their stories and inspiration, the sculptures have even greater significance. This year, sculptures were selected that signify the importance of diversity, love, reflection, and life.

Sculpture selection for the 2021-2023 exhibition cycle was highly competitive, with twenty-four submissions considered. Artists accepted into the program were given an honorarium for each sculpture selected, and sculptures remain for sale during the exhibition.

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This cycle's featured sculptors include:

- Ben Dye, Oregon City
- Jenny Ellsworth, Oregon City
- Jim Johnson, Salem
- Rick True, Milwaukie
- Ken Turner, Seattle

The Sculpture Garden Program at City Hall was established in 2013 to enhance public land, enrich our cultural environment and encourage art appreciation within the community. The program is also a tool for preserving urban livability as the community grows. Since becoming a city in 1965, Happy Valley has grown from a rural area of approximately 300 people to a thriving suburb of over

22,000 neighbors. The City Council prioritizes public art as a visible bridge between Happy Valley's rich past, thriving present, and vibrant future.

The sculptures are on exhibit through spring of 2023 as part of Happy Valley's rotating Sculpture Garden Program. As the entire City Council, we wish to thank the Public Art Committee and the Clackamas County Arts Alliance for their roles in the Sculpture Garden Program. For questions about the Rotating Sculpture Garden program, the Public Art Committee, or inquiries about sculpture purchasing, please contact staff liaison Jaimie Lorenzini, 503-783-3828, [jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov](mailto:jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov).



### Ready to preview the new sculptures?

Be sure to check out page 6 for a sneak peek of all the pieces on display.

## Veterans Memorial DEDICATION

A couple weeks ago, I joined my fellow City Council members for the official dedication of the Happy Valley Veteran's Memorial. It was such an honor. As a proud U.S. Coast Guard Veteran, this project has special meaning.

Not only does Happy Valley now have a permanent feature to honor the men and women who served our country, but the dedication ceremony also provided an opportunity to gather and thank local veterans. Over the years, I have gotten to know several of the veterans in our community. In fact, many of them helped in the design of the Memorial. With their advice, our team utilized the existing labyrinth that was already there to signify a "walk with veterans." Surrounding the labyrinth are benches and lighted flags for each branch of military. In addition, there is a retaining wall that will feature future engravings to memorialize the veteran sacrifice along with an art sculpture.

As we did at the ceremony, I want to publicly thank all of those who made this possible. First and foremost, the City is appreciative of the Oregon

Parks and Recreation Commission for awarding the City approximately \$75,000 in grant funds. Many people and organizations partnered in the City's grant proposal to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission, including: the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1324; 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Department of the Army, based out of Camp Withycombe; Former Senator Alan Olsen; and the City of Happy Valley advisory committees for parks and public art. The East

Metro Association of Realtors also provided \$1,000 in funding. Thank you also to Fertile Ground, Pace Engineering, Covey Pardee Landscaping, Brown Contracting, Inc.

Finally, I want to thank our local veterans once again. Not just those who participated in the development of the Memorial, but all the men and women who have served our country.

As a veteran, I have always found Happy Valley to be a welcoming and supportive community. It is my hope, as Mayor, that the Veterans Memorial will be an integral landmark in Happy Valley, ensuring that other veterans in our community are remembered. Join me in celebrating this new addition to our community!

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



TOM ELLIS



At the Aug. 20 Veterans Memorial dedication event, Mayor Tom Ellis addressed the crowd. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Ellis has made it a priority to honor our local veterans and those actively serving.

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# PV/NC Comprehensive Plan efforts carry on

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Since the Community Advisory Committee's meeting in July, the Pleasant Valley/ North Carver (PV/NC) Comprehensive Plan has continued to build momentum. The committee's work had largely been placed on hold due to the pandemic, so reconvening was a major step in reigniting the Plan's efforts. The group had an opportunity to review the general Plan information and look at revisions made by City Council to the proposed Pleasant Valley Downtown District. The group met for a subsequent meeting in late August to continue these discussions.

Next steps for the PV/NC Comprehensive Plan include an in-person and virtual Open House which will offer the public a chance to view a variety of visual materials and information. Open Houses are anticipated to take place later this month. The PV/NC Comprehensive Plan provides guidance regarding such things as land use, transportation, parks, and environmental issues that will be instrumental to ensuring planning is successful in the Pleasant Valley and North Carver areas. City staff from the Economic and Community Development Department have been working diligently and have utilized community feedback throughout the process to help shape the direction of

the Plan. Priorities from review committees; property owners; the general public; neighboring cities and counties; and other stakeholders have also been included. Benefits to having a Comprehensive Plan include:

- Housing options and livable neighborhoods
- A well-planned parks and trails system
- Strategies for addressing congestion and road safety
- Local employment opportunities

Benefits like these often mean more marketable homes and properties. For more information and updates about the Plan, visit <https://hv.city/pvnc>.

### Curious about what's in store for the PV/NC Plan?

Check out these upcoming events. \*Please note, dates are not confirmed and susceptible to change.

- September 2021 – Open House\* (in-person and online)
- September 2021 – Planning Commission Work Session\*
- October 2021 – Planning Commission Hearing 1\*
- November 2021 – Planning Commission Hearing 2\*
- December 2021 – City Council Hearing 1\*
- January 2022 – City Council Hearing 2\*

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# Sculpture Garden debuts new art

City of Happy Valley

On Aug. 17, the Happy Valley City Council toured six new sculptures on exhibit at City Hall. Joined by art enthusiasts throughout the region, residents toured the installations and met three of the program artists, who were present to share their stories and inspiration.

“Art is a form of communication. Throughout the ages government and commercial entities have used it subtly to display power and trust. The sculpture garden seems more in tune with life. Beautiful, interesting sculptures with wildly different ideas surrounding a government building portray what I believe government is about. Different people coming together to make life better,” a City staff member shared along the tour, quoting a recent interview given by sculptor Ken Turner.

In *Time Management*, Mr. Turner depicts a large grandfather clock, its components in motion yet frozen in time. Turner muses that five minutes of fun feels like five seconds, whereas five minutes of waiting for something can feel like five days.

Sculpture selection for the 2021-2023 exhibition cycle was highly competitive, with twenty-four submissions considered. Artists accepted into the program were given an honorarium for each sculpture selected, and sculptures remain for sale during the exhibition. This cycle’s featured sculptors include:

- Ben Dye, Oregon City
- Jenny Ellsworth, Oregon City
- Jim Johnson, Salem
- Rick True, Milwaukie
- Ken Turner, Seattle

The Sculpture Garden Program at City Hall was established in 2013 to enhance public land, enrich our cultural environment and encourage art appreciation within the community.

“Every great city has great art,” Mayor Tom Ellis said about the program. The phrase was coined by former Council President Michael Morrow, a strong art advocate.

The program is also a tool for preserving urban livability as the community grows. Since becoming a city in 1965, Happy Valley has grown from a rural



**Growing Love**  
by Jenny Ellsworth



**Time Management**  
by Ken Turner



**Speckled Redside Chumby**  
by Rick True



**Fumiko**  
by Jim Johnson



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by Jim Johnson



**Interlock**  
by Ben Dye

area of approximately 300 people to a thriving suburb of over 21,000 neighbors. The City Council prioritizes public art as a visible bridge between Happy Valley’s rich past, thriving present, and vibrant future.

The sculptures are on exhibit through spring of 2019 as part of Happy Valley’s rotating Sculpture Garden Program.

The City wishes to thank the Public Art Committee and the Clackamas County Arts Alliance for their roles in the Sculpture Garden Program. For questions about the Rotating Sculpture Garden program, the Public Art Committee, or inquiries about sculpture purchasing, please contact staff liaison Jaimie Lorenzini, 503-783-3828, jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov.



City Hall hosted a brief art exhibition showcasing the newest sculptures to its garden. Attendees had an opportunity to hear from the respective artists and learn more about each piece.

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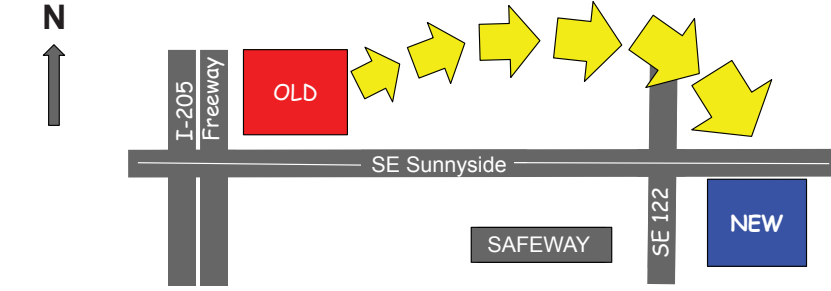


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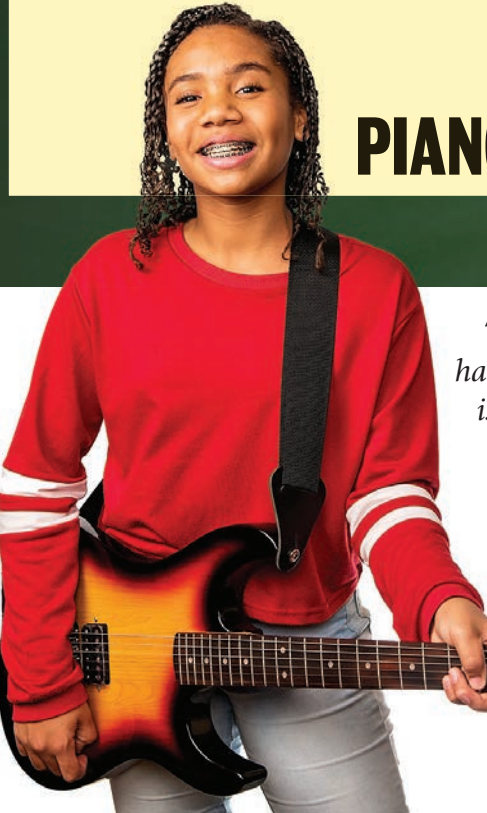
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# Advice to GROW by

Sign up for Master Gardeners' 'Fall into Gardening' free webinar series

Oregon State University Extension Master Gardeners invite the public to “Fall into Gardening.”

Beginning Sept. 25, Master Gardeners will offer a series of 10-Minute University webinars. These hourlong (9-10 a.m.) weekly sessions focus on a specific topic followed by a Master Gardener Clinic to answer general gardening questions.

Topics for the fall series address timely issues and offer practical tips for gardeners of all levels. The classes are free but require advance registration.

In 2020, much of Clackamas County was affected by wildfire. As drought continues in the region, gardeners can learn about fire-resistant plants. The “Fall into Gardening” series kicks off with a talk by Happy Valley resident Priscilla Robinson on “Firewise Landscaping to Reduce Wildfire Risk.” In addition to strategies for making your property fire safe, Robinson will explain the character-



istics of fire-resistant plants and factors that contribute to plant viability in a fire.

Four classes continue in October covering trees, gardening tools, soil and containers.

■ How did your trees fair through the ice storm and extreme heat of 2021? Trees are a long-term commitment and deserve extra care in their selection and placement.

Before buying a new tree, let “Choosing the Right Tree for Your Home Garden” help. This class provides a list of candidates for consideration and offers a checklist for successfully siting a tree in your garden.

■ Regardless of age or ability, learning about adaptive tools and accessible structures can help conserve energy and prevent injury. “The Enabled Gardener” will cover a wide range of mobility challenges — from gardeners with a touch of arthritis to tools and techniques to meet the challenges of gardening in a wheelchair.

Practical advice for tool selection includes size, function and ergonomics. Designing a garden with features like raised beds, garden bags, pots

and wise plant selection can make gardening easier and extend garden enjoyment for many years.

■ Containers are an easy way to add interest to the winter garden. “The ABCs of Creating Fall and Winter Containers” seeks to inspire with images of beautiful and interesting fall/winter containers.

This class will reveal the four factors used to create a container planting, how to select a suitable container, and steps for putting together a finished container.

Experienced gardeners know good soil is the key to successful gardening. But not many truly understand how soil pH shapes plant growth.

“The Scoop on Soil” explains soil pH and how it affects availability of soil nutrients. This is particularly important to gardeners who grow vegetables and blueberries. Participants also will learn the three major soil textures and how to determine what is in their garden.

Do you have a mystery plant or insect awaiting identification? Or perhaps you have plant damage that needs intervention? A Master Gardener Clinic follows each class with MG diagnosticians answering questions. Only presubmitted queries are considered for this event. Submit question, description and photo online before the deadline for an answer on air.

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Virtual Fall into Gardening will feature a series of five online sessions to begin on Saturday, September 25 and continue weekly through mid-October. Talks will include a 30 minute class followed by Q &A and a short Master Gardener Clinic. In the meantime you can browse our library of garden talks by [clicking here.](#)

Noon-Time Chat with 10-Minute University™

Our series of informative garden talks has concluded. To access video versions of the talks please click here: [10-Minute University Videos](#)

10-Minute University™ is the trademark of short classes on essential gardening information. All presentations are free and each is accompanied by a handout.

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Happy Valley residents have a unique opportunity to learn more about gardening through the Clackamas County Master Gardeners Series. Happy Valley resident Priscilla Robinson will present the class on “Firewise Landscaping to Reduce Wildfire Risk.”

fore the deadline for an answer on air.

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers, educated through the Oregon State University Extension Service, to offer the local community reliable, relevant and reachable

gardening information.

10-Minute University distills horticultural research down to essential gardening “know-how.” This OSU program debuted in 2006 at the Canby Fairgrounds during the Clackamas County Master Gardeners’

spring garden fair.

Accommodation request related to a disability should be made by Sept. 15 to Catalina Santamaria, 503-655-8631.

For more information, visit [www.cmastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/](http://www.cmastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/)

# Volunteers pull ivy, pick up trash near Oregon Trail school

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Through a \$12,000 grant from Water Environmental Services and coordination through the North Clackamas School District, Mosaic Ecology was hired to remove invasive species west of the playground at Oregon Trail Elementary School and replace it with native plants while revitalizing the water source.

More than 15 people, including NCSD employees and school families, were on hand to pull ivy and pick up garbage. The project will include three more events through March where volunteers can help.

To sign up, contact Erica Parsons at [ericaparsons@kw.com](mailto:ericaparsons@kw.com).

More than 15 people showed up on Aug. 21 to help clean up a wooded area west of Oregon Trail Elementary School.

Parent organizer Erica Parsons and Mosaic Ecology owner David Powell organized the event with the help of North Clackamas School District and a grant from Water Environment Services.

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# HONORING our veterans

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley would like to recognize community veterans and active military each month in Happy Valley News. If you have served or are currently serving in one of our country’s armed forces, please consider sharing your story. Articles might focus on your military experience, what you’ve learned from your travels, or anything interesting or inspiring. The City is encouraging you to reach out directly if interested and nominations from family and friends are welcomed. Please contact the City’s Communication Specialist, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov or our Community Writer, Shelley McFarland at shelly.mcfarland@gmail.com.

# THAT’S A WRAP! Thursday night concert series a success

City of Happy Valley

Concerts in the Valley, the City’s multi-week concert series at Happy Valley Park, played its final show of the 2021 season on Aug. 26. Families and friends gathered each Thursday night throughout the summer as local bands took to the stage to provide live musical entertainment. With food and beverage vendors on site, the experience provided a comprehensive evening of music and fun.

Genres ranging from country, pop, blues, classic rock, 80’s funk, and Latin Jazz offered concert goers a variety of sounds to groove to.

Adding to the fun this year was Happy Valley’s Got Talent, an event which showcased the unique abilities of members from the community. Each week, contestants vied for a chance to win some fabulous prizes, courtesy of concert sponsors.

Despite occasional record high temperatures, the series proved to be the perfect option for celebrating summer and reconnecting with neighbors and friends. Until next year, rock on, Happy Valley!



At the Son de Cuba concert on Aug. 12, a group took a quick break from dancing to pose for a photo. The concerts offered a chance for people to get together and enjoy music together.



DJ George the Mixologist became a staple feature during each concert by keeping the hits spinning.



Fan favorite, Britnee Kellogg, brought some Country flair in July.



Gabriel Cox and his band performed Aug. 5 with soulful vocals and bluesy rock vibes.

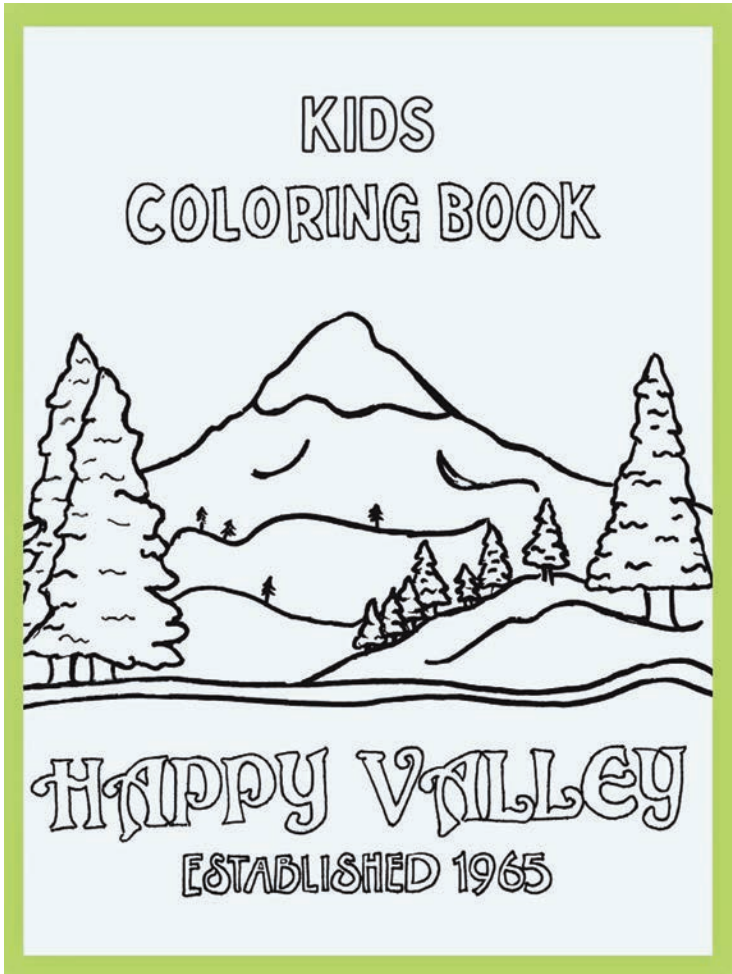
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# Marine recalls Vietnam duty as one of ‘Walking Dead’

*Veteran Dick Steiner gave up college scholarship to ‘mature’ in war*

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

When Dick Steiner graduated from Sandy High School in 1967, the Vietnam War was ramping up, and there were war protesters, including his brother, Kerry. And the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 had just passed, revamping the draft.

An intelligent student, Steiner received a full academic scholarship to the University of Oregon, which provided him a draft deferral. But Steiner didn't take the easy road.

"I was smart academically, but I was a stupid kid," Steiner said. "Halfway through my senior high school summer, I thought I better mature because I was out drinking and raising a whole lot of hell. I thought I'd never survive college."

"I was proud of my dad who was a Marine who was in Saipan during WWII, and I thought the Marines would shape me up, so that's what I did. I knew I was immature and needed to grow up," he said.

Steiner enlisted in fall 1967, signing on with the U.S. Marine Corps as a private. He remembers his father didn't say much about his enlistment, but his "mother bawled for a week. I had it made; I didn't have to go; I was lucky, I had a full deferral."

After a short eight weeks of boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot in San Diego (short because soldiers were needed in country,) Steiner was sent to infantry camp just north at Camp Pendleton for 12 weeks. From there, Steiner was sent to Da Nang, Vietnam, to join the 3rd Division where he would be a clerk.

"I went in with no training and no military operation specialty code requirement and signed up for four years. The recruiters must have been laughing ... because I had good grades, but I didn't choose anything. I could have chosen aircraft mechanic or intelligence, but I didn't, I just went in," he said.

"I'll never forget flying in over Vietnam and looking out the window. That place looked like hell; it was mountains and jungle and a cloud layer. I thought, 'What have I done,' because it didn't look like anywhere I'd ever seen. It was a foreign feeling and frightening."

Ironically, while sitting in a bunker in Vietnam, Steiner received his draft papers because he had failed to show up for college. His mother had forwarded the papers to him, and he sent them back to Clackamas County with a note saying: "Send a ticket."

In Da Nang, the operations officer took notice of Steiner; his school records and intelligence having made an impression.

"The major had me report to him and wanted me to replace the corporal behind him who was going home. He said, 'You can start tomorrow, PFC Steiner, if you like.' I told him I needed time to think about it, which was the first thing I shouldn't have done."

"I looked at Da Nang that night, where people lived in tents. I came back the next morning and told him I joined the Marines to fight, I didn't want to stay in Da Nang," Steiner said. "That blew the major's mind, and he turned to the corporal and said, 'Isn't it 1/9 in Khe Sanh?'" They looked at the map and turned to me and the major said, 'Private Steiner, you want to fight? You're going to Khe Sanh.'"

The 1/9 reference identified the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, an infantry unit with the highest casualty rate in the Marine Corps. Steiner was assigned to 1/9 where the men were called "The Walking Dead."

"Khe Sanh was a huge siege, and I didn't know what 1/9 was. I didn't know they were the Walking Dead. They put me as a clerk there in Khe Sanh. I didn't get to go into the field there, except on occasion. I ran patrols and ambushes on the rear areas but wasn't on the front lines, though we still had incoming and contact on the line. But I still wanted to get out front."

"After nine months of that, I talked to someone who said my job was critical, and I wouldn't be sent to the field because there were not enough of us. The only way I could get out in

Dick Steiner, seen with his wife Sandy, survived harrowing months in Vietnam's A Shau Valley where he was eventually wounded earning him a Purple Heart and other medals and commendations.



**“I looked at Da Nang that night, where people lived in tents. I came back the next morning and told him I joined the Marines to fight. That blew the major’s mind.”**  
— Dick Steiner



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the field was to extend my tour, which I did," Steiner said.

Steiner went on leave and when he returned, he was dropped into the A Shau Valley, made famous by the Battle of Hamburger Hill. Steiner was farther north, but fighting was heavy all around. He would spend a total of six months in the A Shau Valley; one stint lasted 63 days where he had only one pair of underwear and one set of utilities.

"We were cleaning out the A Shau Valley. The North Vietnamese Army (NVA) would run supplies along the Ho Chi Minh Trail to the north, and we wanted to cut that off. At least 15,000 Americans were sent to the A Shau," Steiner said.

"We were on a scrimmage line 20 clicks (one kilometer) wide and the A Shau was 50 clicks long, and every day there was contact. So, I got my wish. I had one friend out there who was killed, and after that, I never made close friends again," he said.

We'd be sitting out in the bush in the morning with just enough time to grab a bite of C-rations before we went to where we had to go. There would be a fire team or squad together eating breakfast and looking at each other wondering who would return that night. It was that way, fighting, every single day."

Steiner would know of at least 100 men who died in the A Shau Valley, some dying in his arms.

"It doesn't change you so much when you're there because you don't take time to think about it. If you do change, you don't know it. The hell you go through just becomes an everyday occurrence," he said.

"The whole doggone six months was like that every day. I was seeing all kinds of things, every day. I was following orders and learned how to lead men, but that was a natural part of being there. I saw more people die in six months. ... It's not that we were having the crap kicked out of us, we were kicking the NVA's butt, but it was intense fighting and so much of it."

As an example, Steiner talked about when a helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade and blew up. No one survived, but it was too hot to search through. The next day



Dick Steiner's shadow box.

when the debris was cool, he and another were tasked with retrieving what remains they could find and saving dogtags, which the men kept in their boots so they didn't get lost and prevented sound in the field that could be used to identify their location.

Many of the men who were "chopped" into the field had been done so quickly since soldiers were always needed, yet too fast to be added to the manifest. Unless dogtags were found, the men might be listed as missing in action (MIA).

At one point, Steiner's family thought he was MIA because he had not corresponded in over a month since it wasn't always easy getting letters out of the jungle. Just a few weeks after letting his family know he was fine, in June 1969, Steiner left the A Shau Valley by medivac after he was hit in the back by shrapnel from rockets.

He was flown to the USS Repose and then to Clark Air Base in the Philippines where he endured two operations and recovery. For being wounded, Steiner earned a Purple Heart. He also earned a combat action medal and has five rows of ribbons on his uniform.

"After six weeks, they deemed me recovered enough to go back into combat," Steiner said. "They sewed me up and sent me to Okinawa, then back into Vietnam. Two weeks after I got back to Vietnam, that was when Richard Nixon started pulling out troops."

"Because of what we went through, we were some of the first guys to leave. I was on a troop ship back to Okinawa and spent the last 90 days of my tour drunk in Okinawa, as we all did. We had just come out of com-

bat. The guys were wild as hell, and so was I," he said.

Due to their traumatic experiences, two Marines armed with loaded .45s were posted on guard duty to patrol at night in Okinawa to keep the Marines from fighting one another or the Japanese.

Steiner spent 30 days at home before reporting to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. While on his way there, Steiner stopped to visit his girlfriend. Feeling cold in 90-degree weather, his girlfriend's mother took Steiner's temperature, which read 106.8 degrees.

He was taken to Nellis Air Force Base where he was put in a bath of alcohol and ice cubes and passed out. Steiner was suffering from malaria, which he had contracted in Vietnam.

Steiner would finish out his last two years in the military at the San Diego depot. When he retired from the Marines as a sergeant, Steiner drove his Cobra Jet Mustang back to Sandy in 19 hours, driving 130 miles per hour across the California-Oregon border, happy to be a civilian.

Unfortunately, Steiner would feel the sting of vitriol for Vietnam veterans over the years, admitting that only recently he feels Americans appreciate his service.

"I had good rank when I left. I made E-5 sergeant rank in 17 months in service because everybody ahead of me kept dying. Rank was fast in Vietnam for me. A sergeant in the Marine Corps has it made, and I had fun my last two years," he said.

"My father was in the corps for four years; I was in for eight, and my son, Jeff, was in for six. Three generations. I learned so much; there was so much horror. When I joined, I joined all the way."

As a civilian, Steiner attended Mt. Hood Community College and Portland State University, graduating in 1977. He joined the Reserves and in two years was promoted to E-7 gunnery sergeant and would spend over 40 years working as a certified public accountant, got married and had four children.

Steiner's time in Vietnam left him with hearing loss, tinnitus, PTSD and cancer. Today, Steiner is newly remarried. He and his wife, Sandy, met online. They are both retired.



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# Road construction makes headway

City of Happy Valley

Several projects are currently in the works throughout the City. The following is a progress report outlining recent happenings:

Superblock:

Once completed, the Superblock project will create a safe and efficient walkable area within Happy Valley. The endeavor will offer contiguous sidewalks that link sections of Ridgecrest and SE 132nd, and King Road and SE 147th. Once finished, it will increase safety of both pedestrians and motorists and provide more opportunities for everyone to enjoy a stroll around this prominent area which includes Happy Valley Park, local schools, and neighborhoods. A major undertaking, the Superblock project is a multi-year effort consisting of several stages.

Throughout the next month, residents can expect to see the following projects carried out:

- Striping on King Road
- Curb installed on 132nd and Ridgecrest
- Sidewalks installed on 132nd and Ridgecrest
- Paving on 132nd and Ridgecrest
- Striping on 132nd and Ridgecrest
- Final project cleanup

Pending no setbacks, the City anticipates the Superblock project, in entirety, will be completed in the very near future.

To learn more about this project, check out <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/superblock-project/>.

SE 129th Ave:

Major safety improvements on SE 129th Ave. between SE Mountain Gate Road north to SE Scott Creek Lane continue to move forward. This stretch is one of the few major thoroughfares leading into an established area of the City, and by widening the road and installing several other protective features, the project will increase travel safety for all modes of transport.

Specifically, this project will consist of the following:

- Shared use path on the



In August, sidewalk was installed along a section of SE King Road. The Superblock project will offer contiguous sidewalks that link sections of Ridgecrest and SE 132nd, and King Road and SE 147th.



Progress along SE 129th includes shoring up preparatory work related to utility trenches.

east side of the roadway for bike and pedestrians

- New southbound bike lane
- Retaining walls and fencing
- New asphalt pavement overlay
- Undergrounding of overhead utility lines
- Installation of additional streetlights along the roadway
- Stormwater system improvements including water quality treatment of surface runoff with green street planters
- Pedestrian crossing using a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RFFB) at Scott Creek Lane
- Bike lane and crosswalk striping and symbolization

The contractor has most recently been focusing efforts

on completing joint trench utility installation and large vaults have been set in the ground for PGE to install streetlights. Concrete foundations for the retaining are expected to be poured at the beginning of this month, which will support and hold up the bike and pedestrian pathways.

This project is expected to take another three months, with full completion by Dec. 2021. Given the scope of this project and the complexities involved, the affected roadway has been closed to traffic and a detour has been enacted to redirect vehicles. The City's Public Safety team has been monitoring traffic flow and troubleshooting challenges as they arise. At all times, emergency vehicles and residents from the connecting neighbor-



The corresponding graphic shows the detour on SE 172nd Ave.

hoods have had access.

Funding for this project comes from a grant issued by Metro. Any additional funding needed to complete the project will be provided through City funds.

To learn more about this project, check out [www.happyvalleyor.gov/129thavenue](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/129thavenue)

SE 172nd Ave:

A traffic roundabout is being installed at SE 172nd Avenue and newly developed SE Scouters Mountain Road. Roundabouts are often a safer alternative to more traditional traffic signals and stop signs as they provide increased travel efficiency. The project, which commenced in late summer, has primarily focused on such preparatory work as underground utility relocation and storm water system management.

The next phase of construction, which includes road widening and paving, will temporarily impact traffic to accommodate the physical creation



A roundabout at SE 172nd Avenue and SE Scouters Mountain Road will create travel efficiencies as infrastructure is developed.

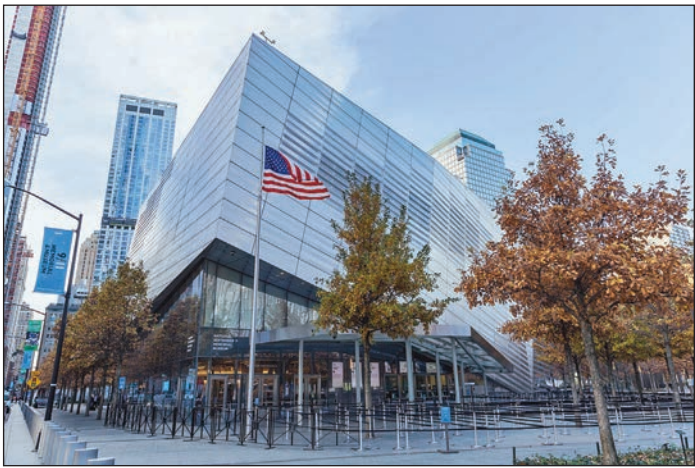
of the feature. To complete this project, SE 172nd Ave. will need to be closed to through traffic in both directions from SE Troge Road to SE Hemrich Road. This closure is anticipated to begin Sept. 6 and continue through Nov. 1 (two full months). A detour will direct traffic to SE Foster Road to bypass the af-

fected area. Once completed, the roundabout will help support future infrastructure development and allow for more ease of flow.

This is a Clackamas County project. For more information, contact project manager, Jonathan Hangartner at 971-804-2825 or [jhangartner@clackamas.us](mailto:jhangartner@clackamas.us).

Twenty years later, the impact of September 11, 2001 continues to hold overwhelming significance. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum, located just two minutes from the rebuilt One World Trade Center, pays tribute to the victims and honors the survivors of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

A special message from Mayor Tom Ellis



## Remembering 9/11

It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since the September 11 attacks in 2001, yet many of us can remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we first heard the news.

The event was defining and the gravity of it was undeniable.

There are simply no words to truly express the extent to what our nation experienced.

As I reflect, one thing is certain. America

is resilient and remains a beacon of hope. We are reminded of the immense courage and strength of our nation's people, and our perseverance despite tremendous hardship.

Our nation was indisputably changed because of that fateful day, and it is important, now, more than ever, to remember that time in our nation's history. Together, we will never forget.

— Mayor Tom Ellis



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# Fall festivals double the fun

Happy Valley brews up something for everyone at Harvest & Oktoberfest on Oct. 2

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

### So, what exactly is Oktoberfest?

When Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig married Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on Oct. 12, 1810, locals spent the day celebrating the nuptials. The wildly entertaining wedding included feasting, drinking, dancing and horseracing. It was so much fun it became an annual event, even beyond Bavaria.

With deep European roots, it's no surprise the Pacific Northwest celebrates Oktoberfest, too. Mt. Angel is a mecca for Oktoberfest in Oregon drawing thousands of revelers every year. It's celebrated with oompah music, lederhosen, steins of cold beer, dancing, eating and celebrating life with neighbors.

On Oct. 2, Happy Valley residents can enjoy Oktoberfest in their own backyard at Happy Valley Park, followed by a fireworks show.

"This is such a fun time of year, and it is our hope that by having our own Oktoberfest in Happy Valley, we offer more opportunities for local businesses and residents to get involved," said Ami Shannon, sponsor and Valley Growlers co-owner. "The city has been great to work with and, together, we hope to bring another fun event to the community."

### Harvest Fest

The event joins another fall celebration, the city's beloved annual Harvest Fest, which is known for its family-oriented activities including a children's pumpkin patch and free wagon rides. Local vendors will be onsite to sell artisan foods, crafts and showcase businesses.

"The city loves partnering with our local businesses. We are excited about teaming up



### IF YOU GO

**What:** Harvest & Oktoberfest  
**When:** 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2  
**Details:** Activities include wagon hayrides, free pumpkin patch, Treasure in the Hay, food vendors, photo booth, kids crafts, pumpkin weight guessing, pumpkin painting and petting zoo. These family-friendly activities end by 5 p.m. Music followed by fireworks continue into the evening.  
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September 2021 Library Events

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ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are online. Email library@happyvalleyor.gov for login information, or with questions.

Genealogy Club Meeting

**Mondays, Sept. 13 and 27, 3-5 pm**  
Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors' elusive stories!

HV Library Short Story Group

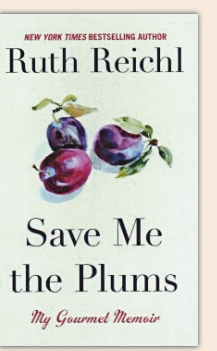
**Thursdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7-8 pm**

Join us for a casual discussion of a short story every Thursday night that we don't have a Book Group meeting. Find out the title of our next read on the Adult Programs page on the Happy Valley Library website. You'll also find links for a free download of the selection for the week and all the previous stories.

HV Library Book Group

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 6:30-8 pm**

Read or listen to the book *Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl and meet to discuss it with other readers. Contact the library for help getting the book or to be added to our book group mailing list.



YOUTH PROGRAM

All programs are online. Email youthlibrary@happyvalleyor.gov for login information for youth programs or with questions.

Family Storytime

**Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am \*Starting Sept. 15**

Enjoy stories, songs, puppets, and fun in this interactive, virtual storytime.

Story Walk

Each month the Happy Valley Library shares a different book in the windows of the Community Room. Families can walk along the outside of the building to read along with the story. Look for this month's story, *Dreamers* written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales.

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*Dreamers*, written and illustrated by Yuyi Morales, will be on display in the windows of the Library for the month of September.



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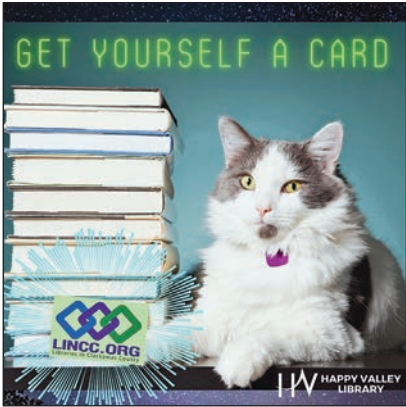
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Books to read during Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans, and heritage rooted in all Latin American countries. The following are recommended titles to commemorate the occasion.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

*I Love You, Baby Burrito*

by Angela Dominguez

Adoring parents welcome a new baby home, carefully and cozily swaddling their newborn "like a baby burrito."



*A New Kind of Wild*

by Zara Gonzalez Hoang

A boy feels lost after moving to the city away from the forest he loves until he meets an imaginative new friend.



*Run, Little Chaski! An Inca Trail Adventure*

by Mariana Llanos; illustrated by Mariana Ruiz Johnson

A tale set in the time of the Inka empire follows the experiences of a new royal messenger, Little Chaski, who finds an important assignment on his first day challenged by a trapped condor in desperate need of help.



*Strollercoaster*

by Matt Ringer; illustrated by Raul the Third and Elaine Bay

Buckle up as a toddler's tantrum is cleverly averted when a loving dad transforms an everyday neighborhood stroll into an adventure.

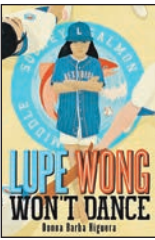


KIDS

*Lupe Wong Won't Dance*

by Donna Barba Higuera

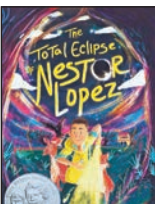
Lupe Wong needs an A in all her classes in order to meet her favorite pitcher, Fu Li Hernandez, who's Chinacan/Mexinese [a play on Chinese/Mexican] just like her, but first she's got to confront the horror of square dancing in gym class.



*The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez*

by Adrianna Cuevas

Nestor Lopez must use his ability to communicate with animals to save the inhabitants of his town when they are threatened by a witch that transforms people into animals



*The Water Bears*

by Kim Baker

Newt Gomez has a thing with bears — last year he survived a bear attack, and this year, he finds an unusual bear statue that just might grant wishes.



*Land of the Cranes*

by Aida Salazar

A 9-year-old migrant, seeking refuge in Los Angeles from the Mexican cartel wars, learns to hold onto hope and love in a family detention center.



TEENS

*Don't Ask Me Where I'm From*

by Jennifer De Leon

Liliana Cruz does what it takes to fit in at her new nearly all-white school, but when family secrets come out and racism at school gets worse than ever, she must decide what she believes in and take a stand.



*Furia*

by Yamile Saied Méndez

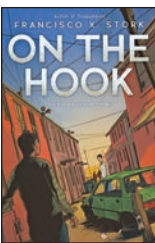
Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.



*On the Hook*

by Francis S. Stork

Living in fear after a gang leader's younger brother threatens to kill him, a talented young chess player who works to help support his family makes a difficult decision to protect the safety of a loved one.



*Woven in Moonlight*

by Isabel Ibañez

Ximena, who has the ability to spin thread from moonlight, seeks to return the rightful rulers of her kingdom to power, a lush tapestry of magic, romance, and revolución, drawing inspiration from Bolivian politics and history.

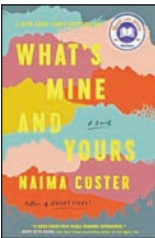


ADULT FICTION

*What's Mine and Yours*

by Naima Coster

Integrated into a predominantly white high school, an anxious young Black student and a half-Latina whose mother would have her pass as white join a bridge-building school play that shapes the trajectory of their adult lives.



*Of Women and Salt*

by Gabriela Garcia

A sweeping, masterful debut about a daughter's fateful choice, a mother motivated by her own past, and a family legacy that begins in Cuba before either of them were born.



*Infinite Country*

by Patricia Engel

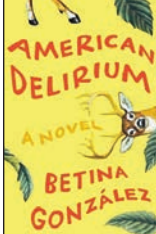
Moving their family to what they believe will be a safer but temporary home in Houston, two young parents are forced to choose between an undocumented status in America and returning to the violence of war-torn Bogotá.



*American Delirium*

by Betina González

An English-language debut by an award-winning novelist from Buenos Aires depicts a small Midwestern community where people and wildlife begin behaving in violently erratic ways that prevent a taxidermist from revealing his findings about a mysterious hallucinogen.

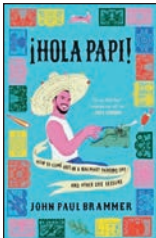


ADULT NON-FICTION

*Hola Papi!: How to Come Out in a Walmart Parking Lot and Other Life Lessons*

by John Paul Brammer

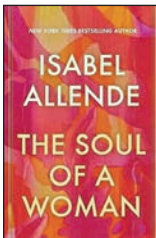
The popular LGBTQ columnist and writer presents a memoir through a series of essays that chronicle his life growing up as queer, mixed race kid and offers advice for young people facing the same journey.



*The Soul of a Woman: On Impatient Love, Long Life, and Good Witches*

by Isabel Allende

The best-selling author describes her lifelong commitment to feminism, her fight to provide for her children, the gender and race obstacles that challenged her goals and her international successes as a writer.



*My Broken Language*

by Quiara Alegria Hudes

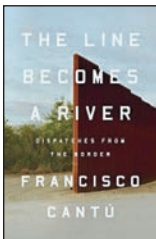
A Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright shares her lyrical coming-of-age story against a backdrop of her devastated barrio home and the idiosyncratic, troubled and fiercely loving Puerto Rican family that inspired her literary voice.



*The Line Becomes a River*

by Francisco Cantu

An award-winning writer and former agent for the U.S. Border Patrol describes his upbringing as the son of a park ranger and grandson of a Mexican immigrant, who, upon joining the Border Patrol, encountered the violence and political rhetoric that overshadows life for both migrants and the police.



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In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, participants in all Parks and Recreation programs will be asked to practice physical distancing and stay home when they are sick. Participants ages 5 and older must also wear a face mask when 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained.



To register for one of these featured programs, be sure to check out [www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/parks](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/parks)



2021 SUMMER PROGRAMMING RECAP!

As summer wraps up, our Parks and Recreation department can't help but reflect on all the fun we have had. We are extremely grateful to our program partners for working with us to offer a wide range of recreational opportunities in the Valley. From arts, crafts, engineering and science classes to multi-sport camps, yoga, youth gym activities, and skateboarding, this summer our park saw it all. We can't wait to see what next summer will bring!



Skate Like a Girl welcomed youth of all genders to learn to skate like a pro.



Youth tested hypotheses throughout the summer with Mad Science.



A group from a Coyle Outside session celebrates new skills and new friends.



Skyhawks Sports brought the summertime staple of volleyball to Happy Valley Park.



An instructor from Coyle Outside demonstrates some simple wilderness survival techniques.



Venvino Art Studios helped youth explore their creative side with a variety of themed art projects.



My Gym encouraged little ones to gain confidence while increasing strength and flexibility through interactive games.



A coach from Skyhawks Sports provided tips to improve attendee batting technique.



Between robot building and exploring concepts like energy and movement, learning was fun with the Engineering for Kids team.



Double take! Basketball was one of many sports kids could try with Skyhawks.



Just breathe. Yoga in the Park got residents outside to experience a workout rooted in balance, flexibility, and patience.

YOUTH HAPPY ZONE A HUGE SUCCESS

What fun at the Happy Zone! Every Thursday during Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation took over the tennis courts, busting out a Happy Zone space for kids to participate in a variety of games, crafts and activities.

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed themselves. Our staff and volunteers were thrilled to get a chance to meet and recreate with you!

Special thanks to My Gym Happy Valley, Venvino Art Studios and Building Blocks for Kids for joining us.



Kids took turns making baskets with this popular activity station.



With the help of Venvino Art Studios, kids got creative with crafts.



Life-sized games like checkers and Connect Four encouraged youth to interact.

TRAVELING RECMOBILE!

Play Happy, Be Happy!

[www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks)

We are making fun a habit with a traveling playground! This summer, our Parks and Rec. crew finally got to deploy the RecMobile! We've had a blast traveling to selected parks throughout the Valley, bringing neighborhoods tons of fun. Traveling between Happy Valley Park and Village Green, Parks and Rec. staff lead children on a variety of free games, sports, crafts, and other outdoor activities!



- ▲ Filled with games and crafts, the RecMobile offered ready-for-fun activities to park goers in the City.
- Residents enjoyed crafting with beads during a visit to Happy Valley Park.



Colorful chalk art livens up a pathway at Happy Valley Park.

MAKE AND DO CHALLENGES

<https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/community/happy-valley-library/>

What challenges have you completed? This summer, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation partnered with the Happy Valley Library to provide park themes for their Make and Do Challenges! Visit the Happy Valley Library's webpage for a list of active challenges, find one you'd like to cross off your list and then take a photo of yourself completing it! Email your challenge picture to [library@happyvalleyor.gov](mailto:library@happyvalleyor.gov) to be entered into a weekly prize drawing. Entries are open to members of the Happy Valley Library community of all ages. Have fun and be creative while exploring your neighborhood parks and trails. We can't wait to see your entries!



10% OFF RENTALS AT NEXT ADVENTURE!

The City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is excited to partner up with Next Adventure to offer residents 10% off their next rental! Whatever your paddling needs might be as we head into fall, as you plan your next trip up the mountain, make sure to scan the QR Code shown here to take 10% off one rental item and secure them for pick-up. Discount offer available at the Next Adventure Sandy store location at: 38454 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy, OR 97055. This store is open 7 days a week, Mon-Fri: 7:30 am - 7 pm & Sat-Sun: 6:30 am - 7 pm.



ONE STOP RECREATION:

Virtual Recreation Center provides resources just for you

Make sure to check out the City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation's new Virtual Recreation Center and Resource section of their webpage! Here you will be able to scour through handfals of virtual recreation activities for youth, teens, adults, and seniors. Head to <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks-and-rec-virtual/> for all the details.



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# Parks & Recreation Foundation seeks volunteers, donations

*Happy Valley nonprofit hopes to expand scholarship, meal, other programs*

By **SHELLEY McFARLAND**

Incorporated as a nonprofit in 2020, the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation formed after the city of Happy Valley successfully uncoupled from the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation in 2018.

The foundation acts on behalf of Happy Valley Parks & Recreation to grow and improve the programs and facilities through scholarships, fundraising and partnerships.

Former Happy Valley councilor and current HVPRF board member Michael Morrow said the foundation has five volunteer board members and meets weekly with the goal of building community through recreation programs.

An important element of this goal is to facilitate accessibility, inclusivity and sustainability in Happy Valley parks, natural areas, recreation facilities and programs.

Morrow said that as a city councilor, people would ask him how they could donate money, property or in-kind services to Happy Valley in hopes of it reaching Parks & Rec services. After the split with NCPRD, Morrow, now retired, remembered those requests and, with help, created foundation.

“I saw the need to support our newly formed Parks & Recreation district and found other like-minded people in the community who wanted to help. We got together and decided to form the foundation,” Morrow said.

“There are other cities around the state that have their own Parks & Recreation districts and foundations to help. These organizations are willing to share information. I can call up Oregon City, or Bend or Medford and they give us advice from their experiences.”



The Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation supports the popular parks and recreation district through scholarship and other programs.

### Scholarships

Currently, HVPRF is developing a scholarship program. The scholarship fund is in memory of William “Bill” Bersie, who served for nearly 10 years on the Parks Advisory Committee, six years on the Happy Valley Budget Committee and loved volunteering.

“Through the scholarship fund, we want to eliminate barriers for people who don’t have money. The U.S. Census just came out and 3% of Happy Valley proper residents live below the poverty level,” Morrow said.

“Luckily, we don’t have to reinvent the wheel because other Parks & Recreation districts and foundations have figured out how to determine who to reach, and we can use that model.”

### Meals on Wheels

After the Parks & Recreation split, Happy Valley took over the Meals on Wheels program in the city. Currently, four households receive Meals on Wheels from HVPR through a contract with Multnomah County and with Morrow delivering food. HVPRF would like to help expand the program to reach more residents and opportunities to reach food insecure children.

“I’ve talked to North Clackamas School District about



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— Michael Morrow, HVPRF board member

their summer meal program, and they have been looking for someone to partner with. There are opportunities here in Happy Valley,” he said.

### Partnerships

Morrow said another foundation goal is to coordinate partnerships between organizations, including volunteer groups like boys team charity, National Charity League, Happy Valley Hikers, Rotary International, Friends of Trees and the three watershed councils affecting Happy Valley.

“We want to partner with other agencies, nonprofits and foundations and help facilitate opportunities. For instance, Oregon City will partner with Friends of Trees. There are residents who wake up on a Saturday morning and who want to be involved. They can check the web and see that their town is planting trees,” he said.

“This is what we want in Happy Valley. There are all these groups, we can partner with them, put it on our website, provide manpower and coordinate.”

Moving forward, Morrow is hoping Happy Valley residents find value in their Parks & Recreation district and will help support it through the foundation. Parks & Rec receives money through tax revenue, and the foundation hopes to fill the gap.

In 2018, after the split, the city of Happy Valley proposed a levy, which passed, to fund its Parks & Recreation district at the rate residents had been paying while with NCPRD. The rate, \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value is considered low for a city. (In comparison, Tualatin residents pay \$1.60 per \$1,000.)

Specifically, the foundation is seeking volunteers and donations, including volunteers



The Happy Valley Parks and Recreation District has taken over the Meals on Wheels program for Happy Valley residents and the foundation is hoping to help grow the program.



With the help of the foundation, HVPRD can continue to offer top-notch classes and programs for children and adults.

with accounting, social media and grant writing experience.

“We are in a supportive role to the city’s HVPR, we aren’t making decisions or influencing. The City Council makes the decisions, but is advised by the city’s Parks Advisory Committee. We do have people who are on our board for the foundation who are on the

Parks Advisory Committee, so there is some overlap,” Morrow said.

“As the city can buy more land, they are going to start expanding their parks district, and we want to be there to help, either financially or in other ways.”

For more information, visit: [www.hvprf.org](http://www.hvprf.org).

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County vector control program has resources to help homeowners

Are you tired of the buzz of mosquitoes and flies? Did you know there is a way to reduce and possibly eliminate those vectors?

Clackamas County Vector Control District is responsible for the maintenance of flying vectors within Clackamas County, and they have a program specialized in handling or eliminating mosquitoes and flies.

CCVCD is committed to controlling flying vectors (mosquitoes and flies) in Clackamas County and has developed a program to tackle this issue. The agency offers free property inspections, mosquito fish for ponds and pools, and educational presentations to help protect homeowners from mosquitoes.

To learn more, visit [fightthebites.com](http://fightthebites.com) where you can request services, watch educational videos, and stay alert with news and updates or call 503-655-8394 between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.



## CONTACT INFO

VISIT: [fightthebites.com](http://fightthebites.com)  
CALL: 503-655-8394

# Street of Dreams puts Valley in spotlight



Visitors tour beautiful homes, get glimpse of community

By Shelley McFarland

The 2021 NW Natural Street of Dreams is now officially a memory. This year's show featured two sites. Heritage Crest anchored the show and featured three luxury homes ranging from \$1.5 million to \$3 million.

Additionally, the Street of Dreams included nearby Pleasant Valley Villages, a master-planned community from Holt Homes, with three model homes ranging from \$500,000 to \$650,000. This year's event also included two container homes and a sleeping pod.


Hundreds of home enthusiasts toured the two sites. It was the third time Happy Valley has hosted the show that benefits

local employment and supports Happy Valley businesses, including restaurants, and boosts surrounding property values.

"While the show aimed to highlight the finest in craftsmanship and design, it also served to showcase the Happy Valley community," Communications Specialist Stephanie Warneke said. "Visitors received a first-hand look at the city's beauty and supported our beloved businesses, seeing the best of what Happy Valley has to offer."


"As part of its commitment to supporting the community, Street of Dreams featured the work of local companies and individuals and boasted the talents and skill-sets of people from Happy Valley and the nearby vicinity."






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# Roadmap for return to school

District offers resources, information as learning gets back on track

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

It's time again for some reading, writing and arithmetic. Whether continuing distance learning or attending school, students in the North Clackamas School District will see some changes, including the opening of Adrienne C. Nelson High School, a new location for Rock Creek Middle School, and implementation of proposed district boundary changes.

**NCSD guidelines**

Schools will be full day, in-person instruction, five days a week.

According to Shelly Reggiani, executive director of Equity, Community Engagement & Communications at North Clackamas School District, all district students are eligible to receive meals. School supplies will be provided to elementary school students.

"All NCSD students can receive meals at no cost during the 2021-22 school year. This includes both breakfast and lunch. For students enrolled in the NCSD Virtual Online Program (VOP), meal pickup will be available one day per week and will include five breakfasts

and five lunches per student," she said.

With regard to COVID-19 mandates at this time but subject to change, all Oregon students, staff and visitors are required to wear masks when inside school buildings and on district transportation. Physical distancing will be 3 feet between individuals, maintained to the extent possible. More guidelines:


- Hand hygiene: Thorough and frequent hand washing and sanitizing will be encouraged. Sanitizing stations will remain in place throughout buildings.
- Cohorting: NCSD will maintain cohorts to the extent possible at the elementary level only. Cohorts are not feasible in the middle and high school level.
- Quarantining: NCSD will isolate and quarantine individuals according to public health authority guidance and regulations. Per Oregon Department of Education, in situations of potential exposure, students will not need to quarantine if 3 feet of physical distance is maintained, and masks are worn.
- Vaccines for COVID-19 are strongly recommended for those eligible, but are not required.
- Virtual Online Program: This fully remote option is available for families to enroll for the 2021-22 school year for a semester or a year.
- Athletics: Face coverings will not be required for athletes and spectators during

Show us your students

We want to see your kids' first day of school photos for a special collage in the October issue of Happy Valley News. Send your photos, including student's first name to: shelly.mcfarland@gmail.com.

"While we still face challenges with the changing conditions of the pandemic, our resolve to meet the needs of students in the best ways we can remains strong."

— Shay James, NCSD superintendent



NORTH CLACKAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

We are excited to share that our elementary schools will purchase supplies for each student during the 2021-22 school year.

School supply lists will not be provided. This will help to increase consistency while reducing financial impact for families.

Contact the Main Office of your school for more information.

North Clackamas School District is offering free meals to all students for the 2021-2022 school year.

outdoor school-sponsored activities. Face coverings for spectators are required for indoor sports and activities and are to be determined for athletes.

■ Ventilation and cleaning: Stringent cleaning protocols will remain in place and measures to improve air quality

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For the latest NCSD Back to School Plan, visit: [www.nclack.k12.us/district/page/2021-2022-back-to-school-plan.com](http://www.nclack.k12.us/district/page/2021-2022-back-to-school-plan.com)

"North Clackamas Schools will have full-day, full week in-person learning, and a virtual online program semester or yearlong option as well. We are so excited to see our students," Superintendent Dr. Shay James said. "Our teachers and staff are ready to welcome each student and engage them in their learning and their social-emotional development. The new school year brings excitement and renewed commitment to partnerships with our families and our community. While we still face challenges with the changing conditions of the pandemic, our resolve to meet the needs of students in the best ways we can remains strong."

Other resources

■ Clackamas Parenting is offering free parenting classes, workshops, support groups, play groups and family activities. For more information, contact Chelsea Hamilton through [www.clackamasparenting.com](http://www.clackamasparenting.com).

■ Ready, Set, Go is a free culturally responsive program designed to help transition children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers into kindergarten through parent-child interaction groups, parent workshops and home visits. For more information, contact Vitzah or Siobhan through [www.met-family.org](http://www.met-family.org).

■ Youthline is a youth-to-youth mental health crisis line through Lines for Life. For more information, contact Isabelle Craft through [www.oregonyouthline.org](http://www.oregonyouthline.org) or for crisis service call 877-968-8491, text "teen2teen" to 839863 or email at [teen2teen@linesforlife.org](mailto:teen2teen@linesforlife.org).

■ Wichita Center for Family and Community offers numerous family support programs for residents of the North Clackamas School District, including a food pantry and clothing closet. For more information, visit: [www.nclack.k12.or.us/wichita/page/family-support-center.com](http://www.nclack.k12.or.us/wichita/page/family-support-center.com).

## Sunridge Dental Care to Host Free Dentistry Day Saturday, September 11

Call: 503-427-9770  
Visit: <https://FreeDentistryDay.org>

Happy Valley, Oregon. – Residents in the Happy Valley community and surrounding areas will have the opportunity to receive free dental services at Sunridge Dental Care on Saturday, September 11.

Dr. Kelsey McEvoy, Dr. Anna Nguyen and team at Sunridge Dental Care will be improving the oral health of the community as part of Free Dentistry Day, a day dedicated to providing free dental care to the growing number of Americans without dental insurance. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 108 million Americans are living without dental insurance.

"We understand that many people in our community and across the nation

haven't been to the dentist for a long period of time. Some don't understand the importance of dental health, but more often than not, they don't have the financial means," said Dr. McEvoy. "This event is a great opportunity for us to share our time and resources with those less fortunate and give back to the community."

There is increasing evidence that links oral health to overall health and well-being. The signs and symptoms of over 100 medical conditions, including diabetes, HIV/AIDS, Lou Gehrig's disease and oral cancer may first be detected through traditional oral examinations.

"Dental health is a vital part of a person's overall health," said Dr. Nguyen.

"Through this event, we hope to educate patients on the importance of dental health and encourage them to adopt an ongoing oral care regimen."

During Free Dentistry Day, cleanings and extractions will be provided to patients on Saturday, September 11, between 8am and 1pm at 14679 SE Sunnyside Rd, Ste. D in Happy Valley. Patients will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Please call the office in advance for more information, please call 503-427-9770 or visit <https://FreeDentistryDay.org>.

"It's very gratifying to see the impact that events like Free Dentistry Day can have on the life of a person. While we're changing their life, they're changing ours," said Dr. McEvoy.



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