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ABOVE: Happy Valley Park hosts 2022's National Night Out in August.
LEFT: Residents joined together for a hike along the Pacific Coast Trail in September.



Spring Mountain Elementary special education teacher Lisa Bach with her beloved service dog Molly.

Living a life of service

By SARAH LAMARCHE
Pamplin Media Group

Lisa Bach, a special education teacher at Spring Mountain Elementary, has dedicated her life to helping others. “I knew I wanted to be a teacher and a mom,” said Bach. “Teaching comes very naturally to me. And I really like teaching kids with animals.”

Bach has a service dog, Molly, (pictured) that her kids love. She says that Molly has been a great tool for motivating the kids to get their work done, and brings joy to her classroom.

Bach grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, and she went on to attend Humboldt State University. While there, she participated in a Big Brother/Big Sister program through Youth Educational Services House and was paired up with an eight-year-old named Kathy. They stayed in touch long after Bach graduated and Bach became a mentor and guiding light to Kathy.

Bach stayed local for 13 years, and in 1986 began the adoption processes for her daughters. Her first daughter, Allie, who had cerebral palsy, was adopted at the age of 5. Two months later, Bach brought 2.5-year-old daughter Shari home with her.

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Pints with a purpose

Help make a difference in the life of a local homebound senior this holiday season

City of Happy Valley

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Through the Meals on Wheels People program, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation provides warm, nutritious meals to some of our community's most vulnerable seniors while offering friendly visits to those who may otherwise feel isolated or have difficulty getting out and about.

As we approach the holidays, now is a good a time as ever to help spread some cheer and support this vital program. From Nov. 17 through Nov. 27, a variety of local tap houses and eateries will join Happy Valley Parks and Recreation for Pints with Purpose, a special campaign to raise funds for the City's Meals on Wheels People program.

Participating venues will select a seasonal beer to be designated for Pints with Purpose promotion and will donate \$1 for every selected pint sold to Happy Valley's Meals on Wheels People for the duration of the campaign. Monies raised will specifically help make a positive impact in the lives of local seniors in need by providing well-

Can't make it to one of the participating venues, but still want to help?

You can also give directly to the City's local Meals on Wheels People program by visiting our designated webpage at: www.happyvalleyor.gov/pints-with-purpose.

From there, you can submit a tax-deductible donation in the amount of your choice online. Your gift will support homebound seniors right here in Happy Valley who would otherwise not have consistent access to wholesome, nutritious meals.

Help give the gift of hope this holiday season. Please consider donating or participating in Pints with Purpose. Together, we can help make a difference in our local community.



As a volunteer, Michael Morrow gives of his time each week to help deliver meals to homebound seniors. With the help of Meals on Wheels People, food is strategically prepared to maximize nutrition and is easily transported to recipients' homes.

balanced meals to those who would otherwise go without.

Spend local. Give local.

The best thing about Pints with Purpose is that each dollar from any of the designated beer selections purchased will stay within this community, supporting seniors right here, in Happy Valley.

Recipients of the program are often on fixed incomes or lack



the ability to shop for and prepare meals on their own. Meals are delivered by volunteers, like Michael Morrow, who not only bring nutritious food, but provide friendly conversation to those who might not have a



Community helping community. Dolores and Michael have formed a positive relationship through Meals on Wheels People, with local volunteers making connections with program recipients.

strong social network. “For me, there is a sense of commonality in those I serve as we share similar memories and life experiences. I’m helping people of my own generation and finding I can be another set of eyes to help ensure they are healthy, happy, and safe.” Morrow says he started volunteering as part of his work as a member of the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation. He says he has been impressed with the way the

City's Parks and Recreation department, Foundation, and Meals on Wheels People program have seamlessly coordinated efforts. “The recipients are so grateful,” says Morrow, “Most do not live with family members, and I may be their only outside contact. As a result, this program very much brings everyone together for a common goal and that's not only allowed

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Honoring Vietnam veteran Henry Lines

By SARAH LAMARCHÉ
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Henry Lines, a veteran of the Vietnam and Cold War who served 24 years in the navy, was a man who dedicated his life to helping others. “He was a special person for how many things he did to make things better. He was a role model for all of us, we all follow Henry’s example” said Don Greer, one of Lines’ close friends and fellow navy veteran.

“Easy-going, social as anybody, and he was opinionated in the right ways. He’d talk about the issues the country was facing,” said Chuck Morris, a Vietnam veteran and another one of Lines’s close friends.

“He was Christian and cared for others in the community. He had a sense of humor that was dry and sarcastic, but it would bring a smile on your face.” Said Morris. “He also had German heritage and always talked about Minnesota. His grandmother spoke only German, and he held on to that heritage.”

Lines was born in Marion Indiana in 1949, the third and youngest sibling. His father served in World War 2 and after the war became a railroad engineer for Great Northern Railroad. His family moved to Kansas City Missouri, where Lines graduated from Westport High School in 1968. At this time, the Vietnam war was in full swing. Lines was given vocational deferment for one year due to an electronics class.

But after that, he had a low draft number, and the draft was imminent. In November 1969, he enlisted quickly to maintain control over his service and what branch he was placed in. He joined the Navy, like his father and his brother before him. His father John served in the navy in World War 2, and his brother



(LEFT) Henry Lines, second from the far left, would gather with fellow veterans once a week for coffee at New Seasons in Happy Valley. (RIGHT) Henry Lines was an active member of the military vehicle collectors club and owned the Jeep shown.



er served in the Korean war.

Lines then did 13 weeks of basic training at a Naval Training Center in San Diego. He then went to radio school at a base in San Diego, because he was a ham radio operator as a child. After that, he was sent to more schools: teletype repair and morse code school. When he was about to graduate morse code school, he sailed in the San Diego Bay with a friend. He saw a submarine parked next to a marine tender in the harbor, which piqued his interest. Lines then learned that submarine service needed radiomen.

Lines submitted a transfer request and was told he needed to complete a physical for submarine duty. A few weeks later, in 1971, Lines went to submarine school in New London, Connecticut. Because he was 6 feet tall, he was within the height limit to serve on a submarine. Submarine service is not just a casual appointment. Lines had to earn sub duty, completing 6 weeks of schooling, physical and psychological exams, air pressure tests, and assessments to gauge his performance under duress. In school he learned about submarines basic systems, what to expect, and what the interior of a submarine inside out.

He then had to undergo submarine escape training, where the trainers had a 100 foot tower that was filled with water, and they took him down to the 50 foot level and out him in an airlock and filled the water up to his chin. They put a hood on his head, and he did a buoyant ascent to the surface.

It’s tests like this that the Navy uses to weed out any potential submariner who would panic. But Lines had an extremely calm demeanor which was perfect for the job.

He did the test twice followed by an air pressure test to simulate 150 feet depth to see if his ears equalized. In his group, everyone passed, but there were men in other groups who didn’t because their ears couldn’t handle the pressure, with some of them screaming to get out because of the high intensity.

After submarine school, Lines was sent to Hawaii to later join his squadron in Guam. After a 30-day refit and five-day trials, Submarine Squadron 15 then went out for three-month patrols. During this time, the Vietnam war was in full-force, and the Cold War with Russia was still in effect. Lines could discuss very little of his service details because of their sensitive nature, but he con-

firmed that he served on nuclear submarines that gathered intelligence information and were ready to deploy retaliatory nuclear missiles from where they were patrolling.

Submarine service is not for the faint of heart. Servicemen have to be screened physically and mentally. They need to have 20/20 vision. They have to have the intelligence to handle stressful situations. Many are handpicked to become submarine servicemen. They have to know submarines topside, bottom side, backwards and forward. It entails a year and a half long program, and after that is completed, candidates are tested on their knowledge with a qualification board, which lasts about two days. If passed, candidates then are awarded their dolphins.

Starting as a third-class petty officer, Lines served on three different submarines on seven patrols over the course of eight years including two stints in Holy Loch, Scotland. His first sub was the USS Henry Clay SSBN625 (Submersible Ship Ballistic Nuclear). On it, crews would serve on three-month cycles with 140 men on the sub on what were called deterrent patrol missions. After eight years of doing this, Lines retired from

active duty in 1979. But he couldn’t stay away for long, he went back to the recruiter’s office and joined as a reserve.

As a reserve, Lines served 14 years in a Navy special warfare command attached to a Navy team that provided communications to operating SEAL teams. In 1996, Lines retired from the Navy for good as a first class petty officer with 24 years’ service. Over the 24 years Lines traveled to Scotland, Hawaii, Norway, Guam, and Micronesia, San Diego, the Sea of Japan and South Pacific, all the islands in the Aleutian chain and crossed the Arctic circle twice.

“Henry would regale us with his story of how he traveled through a channel under the Arctic ice shelf from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Someone else was supposed to do it but couldn’t, and he was next in line. Very few sailors get to do it.”

His time on the nuclear submarines took a toll on his body, though. Due to radiation exposure, in 2014 Lines was diagnosed with leukemia before undergoing successful treatment and a bone marrow transplant.

In his years after the military, Lines was a Scout leader and heavily involved in Boy Scouts. In 2021 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Missouri. He was also involved in Military Vehicle Collectors club and Ham Radio club and would attend weekly coffee meet-ups with veterans in New Seasons.

In the last months before his death, Lines contracted COVID and developed pneumonia-type complications. He was also already medically fragile due to his past exposure to radiation. He died at the age of 73. His celebration of life will take place in April 2023.

“I have a lot of respect for him and am glad to call him my friend. We are all gonna miss him.”

Local speed golfer volunteers with Clackamas, Nelson Girls Golf teams

By SARAH LAMARCHÉ
Pamplin Media Group

As the golden light of sunset spills over the Sah-Hah-Lee golf course, Steve Vancil prepares his shot. He looks far off into the distance, then down at the golf ball. He adjusts his feet to be shoulder width apart. He positions his hands to loosely grip the club. He pauses, standing perfectly still, his spine straight, with a slight bend at the waist. He looks out again, loosens his shoulders, and in one fluid motion, raises the club over his head, and swiftly swings it down, striking the ball. Whoosh! The golf ball whizzes high into the air, straight as an arrow, and lands several hundred yards down the green.

“Golf is great at teaching humility. As soon as you think you’ve figured it out, you haven’t. You can’t rest on your laurels. I never say I ‘have’ it,” says Vancil.

Meeting Vancil, his humbleness is immediately apparent. And despite never saying he “has it,” the golfing world would say otherwise. The 57-year-old David Douglas School District math teacher is a former pro golfer and world-ranked speed golfer, once 4th best in the world. Vancil also coaches.

What is speed golf? Speed golf has the same rules as regular golf, but uses fewer clubs, and the golfer runs after hitting the ball with little time to think about the shot. The clock starts once you hit your first tee shot. You carry at most 7 clubs, and you cannot set your bag down on the green. Your score is your



Vancil, a top world-ranked speed golfer, at Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course.

time plus your score. For example, if you shoot a 71 and you run a round in 55 minutes — your score is 71 + 55 = 126. So, one minute is worth the same as one stroke. His best round was shooting a 68 in 44 minutes.

Vancil said he was “good” at golf in high school, but that at the time he was more focused on basketball. But, he “always wanted to be a professional athlete.”

In college, he was initially pursuing an engineering degree. “I told my dad I’d never be a teacher,” Vancil said. But his career counselor noticed his aptitude for teaching and told him that he belonged in education and that he was “born to be a teacher.” So, Vancil switched to education. Getting good at golf “happened more by accident,” in his years post-college.

After graduating college, he took a teaching job in Roseburg. He started playing speed golf regularly, not even knowing that what he was doing was speed golf. “Three years later, a guy came up to me and told me, ‘You know they have tourna-

ments for this,’ I was like ‘No there’s not!’ And he was like, ‘Yes there is!’” Vancil then spent 13 years competing in tournaments around the US.

“I’m competitive at whatever I do. I want to be the best.” That striving for excellence has not only paid off, it has also carried over into his teaching career and personal life. Vancil has received considerable recognition for his teaching talent and has given talks at numerous conferences on how teachers can improve their teaching. “I’ve worked really hard to teach math better.” One tip he had for teaching was to bring an element of fun to the classroom: “I used to hit golf shots out my classroom window with golf balls. The students would have to do their work if I made it. I always made it. Luckily I never broke a window,” he laughed. He also said that students deserve a teacher’s best.

His father and grandfather were also teachers. “My dad was teacher of the year before there was teacher of the year.” Vancil said that his father was one of the most influential people in his life. When he was alive, his dad would travel with him to speed golf. “It was hard when he passed, not having that sounding board anymore.” Vancil said.

His dad instilled in him a positive attitude and the wisdom that you always have a choice to see the good in people.

When asked what advice he has for aspiring golfers, he said “learn the fundamentals and practice. Don’t expect to be great. There’s value in working hard at something. It’s your self-worth that is worthwhile.”

Helping students stay ahead of curve

Carie Coleman teaches problem-solving skills through La Salle Prep’s STEM/Design program

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

In the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Innovation and Design Center (IDC) at La Salle Prep, Carie Coleman is leaving a lasting impression on her students.

Coleman grew up on a small-town farm where creative problem-solving was the norm. Today, she inspires her students to delve into multiple

“Ms. Coleman helps students find what they want to make or do and teaches how to use problem-solving skills in a way that will help them for the rest of their life.”

— Phoebe Sandholm, student and Happy Valley resident

ways to achieve a variety of outcomes.

Opened in 2017, the IDC is the headquarters for Coleman’s Explore STEM Program. It offers various design tools, including a laser engraver, multiple 3D printers and a full workshop. Started in 2020, her program challenges students in design thinking through a four-year course, from freshman to senior year. Coleman helps students attain a pathway into the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) through AP classes, independent studies and internship possibilities.

While in school at the University of Portland, Coleman enrolled in the Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education (PACE) program where she was placed in regional schools to voluntarily instruct students. The experience brought her to La Salle College Prep for the first time. “I remember walking through the hallways and seeing those banners and the values that were on them,” Coleman said. “I loved it.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Carie Coleman heads the Explore STEM Program at La Salle Prep and is teaching students new problem-solving skills.

“I really enjoy the community that is there (Explore STEM), because everyone seems to be so open and they are willing to teach others if anyone is confused,” said Phoebe Sandholm, a member of the Explore program and a Happy Valley resident. “Ms. Coleman helps students find what they want to make or do and teaches how to use problem-solving skills in a way that will help them for the rest of their life.”

Pints

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me to quickly form bonds with those I help, but also the other volunteers and staff.”

For Dolores, a recipient of the program, the meals offer a basic essential and a chance to stay connected. She has been diagnosed with dementia and no longer cooks due to the potential for safety con-

cerns in the kitchen. Her son visits and helps with some household tasks, but Happy Valley’s Meals on Wheels People program helps her maintain independence in her home. “I so appreciate this service,” she says. “I’m able to get meals quickly and seeing Michael each week is wonderful. The food is good, and I feel really happy.”

Thank you to our local partners for joining Parks and Recreation for Pints with Purpose.



Service

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In 1988, she started fostering a 2-year-old girl, Morgan. But then the court suddenly sent her to live with her biological relatives and told Bach she would never see Morgan again, and they wanted Bach to drop Morgan off. “I refused,” Bach said. “I didn’t want Morgan to think I had anything to do with her being taken away from me. That was important to me. So, they came and took her away.”

Within two weeks of Morgan being gone, she had been inflicted with second degree burns all across her body. Morgan was taken out of the relatives custody and returned to Bach, and within a few months she was adopted.

In 1990 Bach applied for graduate school and got into Lewis & Clark, where she earned her masters in deaf education. She then ran the deaf education program for Vancouver school district. She left in 2000.

Through the department of defense, she was offered a teaching job for the deaf and hard of

hearing in Japan. But she wasn’t able to take the position because of her same-sex partner.

She started teaching in North Clackamas in 2007. “I love this district. Their priorities are in a positive place,” said Bach. She transitioned from deaf education to teaching behavioral classes. “It was definitely where I belonged,” said Bach. “You have enough autonomy to look at what needs to be done and do it. There’s fewer of them and more of us [teachers], we have more time. You get to know them deeply. It’s like a small family in here. And we value kindness bigger than we view knowledge.”

Despite having a richly fulfilling career, her personal life journey was less than smooth. In 2002, Bach broke her foot falling down a flight of stairs. The fall killed a bone in her foot, and she had to have surgery to remove the dead bone. But unfortunately, that didn’t fix her the problem. “They spent 12 years trying to fix my foot. It hurt all the time and didn’t work. Eventually there was no other option but to amputate.”

“In 2014 Allie died unexpectedly and I lost my leg,” said Bach. “I miss her terribly, but she was

trapped in a horrible little body. And she’s freed from that.”

After the amputation, she tried using prostheses, but the material it was made of irritated her skin, leaving big open sores. So, she made the decision to start using a wheelchair, and has been it full-time for the last three years.

When asked about her resiliency in the face of hardship, Bach said: “You make a choice. Your attitude is your choice. Being miserable is no fun. Might as well figure out how to not be miserable and take things as lightly as one can.”

In keeping it light, Bach made a joked about her own disability: “I used to be tall, then I lost a foot!”

Bach said that in her life, she’s most proud of her children: “I raised kids who know how to work, give, and generally be really good people. You love them more than you thought you could love somebody.”

These days, Bach keeps “crazy busy.” Saying, “I don’t stop much.”

As for her hopes for the future? She wants society to see people with disabilities as being people, first and foremost.



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CITYCOUNCIL

Beloved playgrounds receive new equipment

The last two months, many of us on the City Council had the opportunity to roll up our sleeves and join volunteers from the Rotary Club of Clackamas to build two new all abilities playgrounds at Happy Valley Park and Village Green Park. Soon, the City's Public Works team will finish most of the final details, including the installation of a special rubber flooring that will offer a safer and more comfortable foundation for those using the area.

We are proud to say that Happy Valley was one of the first cities in the nation to install an all abilities playground at Happy Valley Park. With such positive feedback, the City Council made it a priority to replace all city-owned playgrounds using a similar approach. The City developed the play-

grounds to meet specific principles of including playground design. The playground will serve all kids, regardless of physical or developmental abilities. It boasts spacious areas that can be traversed by various means and will have equipment designed specifically for mobility and sensory challenges. Children will have access to a variety of activities that promote safety, tactile interest, and of course, fun.

This project wouldn't have been possible without the support from the Rotary Club of Clackamas and the generous donations from many local families. Thanks also to everyone who came to the build day as a way to give back to our community. Moving forward, expect to see similar upgrades to playgrounds at Southern Lites Park and Ashley Meadows Park.



At Village Green Park, City Council joined members from the Rotary Club of Clackamas to install one of the larger playground features.



From left to right: Councilors David Emami, Brett Sherman, and Mayor Tom Ellis take a quick break amid playground installation at Happy Valley Park.

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A photo submitted by Chuck Morris, veteran of the US Navy, shows a group of local Happy Valley veterans during a recent gathering. If you are a veteran, from any military branch, consider getting to know others from the community. A group meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. at New Seasons.



Happy Valley Parks and Recreation has also offered opportunities for local veterans to connect. In the spring, a coordinated visit to the Evergreen Air Museum provided a chance for veterans to visit and reminisce.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



TOM ELLIS

Thanking our veterans

Veterans Day will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 11. To all our military personnel, thank you for your service.

Happy Valley has a long history of supporting veterans. Currently, there are over 1,000 veterans in our community, and countless others who have veterans in their family. This Veterans Day, I hope you will join me in thanking these individuals and their families. Happy Valley wouldn't be the same without them. Their presence makes our city better and reminds us how fortunate we are.

To all our military men and women, past and present, thank you for the sacrifices you have made and continue to make to keep our country free. As a Veteran myself, Nov. 11 is always a very special day. My appreciation for you is deep and my admiration is even deeper. Thank you so much for your service. Happy Veterans Day.

What would you do as mayor?

Know a student with big ideas, a compassionate heart, and interest in making the community a better place? The City of Happy Valley is once again participating in the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) If I Were Mayor, I would... contest, so tell students to mark their calendars and prepare to submit their entries by March 10.

Extra credit!

If you are employed in one of the Happy Valley schools and teach students in grades 4 through 12, please consider encouraging your students to partake in this activity. It is a



What would you do as Mayor? Get a head start and plan to participate in the 2022-2023 If I Were Mayor contest.

great way to supplement concepts taught in the classroom.

The winner of each age group in the Happy Valley contest will be awarded a \$100 gift card and recognized at an upcoming City Council Meeting. The winning local sub-

missions will then be entered in the statewide contest where there will be a chance to win a grand prize worth \$500. More information and official entry forms can be found at www.happyvalleyor.gov/if-i-were-mayor.



The City has two official ballot drop off locations available. The one seen here is stationed right in front of Happy Valley City Hall at 16000 SE Misty Drive. Another one is located near Happy Valley Library at 13793 SE Sieben Parkway. Ballot boxes will close at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Happy Valley has two convenient locations for you to drop off your ballot. Simply submit yours while you're out and about.

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Operation Santa Claus... is coming to town

For many, the holidays are some of the best times of the year, yet for some in our community, these celebrations are a reminder of serious financial hardship. If there is one thing that is certain, the community of Happy Valley is generous and eager to help those less fortunate experience a holiday season filled with hope. That's where Operation Santa comes in. An annual toy and food drive, Operation Santa is coordinated through the efforts of firefighters at Clackamas Fire District #1.

Operation Santa will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items at this year's Tree Lighting event with donations benefitting local families in need. Those interested in contributing are asked to bring non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys. Staff and volunteers will collect your donations at a designated area at the event. See page 16 for information about the Tree Lighting Ceremony and be sure to visit <https://clackamasfire.com/operation-santa-claus/> for more opportunities to give to this important cause.

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A donation of non-perishable food or an unwrapped toy will help families in our community.



Winter Blitz returns

High school students work together to support local community



Looking for a way to give back this season? Winter Blitz is a popular donation drive that serves local families in need. Students from Clackamas High School and Adrienne C. Nelson High School's respective Key Clubs are combining efforts and asking for gently used clothing, blankets, bedding, toys, games, books, and household items, as well as NEW hygiene and toiletry items and non-perishable foods. Your donation to Winter Blitz will help those who are struggling this season by ensuring essential items are available and accessible.



In 2021, students from Clackamas High School take a break to pose for a photo as they categorized and sorted donations provided by residents.

Drop off location:

Clackamas High School
14486 SE 122nd Ave.

Drop off dates and times:

Saturday, Nov. 26
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 9
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For more information about items needed and additional ways to contribute to this cause, check out www.happyvalleyor.gov/winter-blitz or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



Scan this QR code with your smartphone for more information about items needed!

Committee volunteers needed

Do you care about future growth or design standards? Do you have an interest in improving public safety? What are your thoughts on public art? Are you interested in how the City spends its resources? Happy Valley is always looking for volunteers who are interested in their neighborhoods and their community to join one of the eight advisory boards. Dedicated citizens meet on a regular basis to address current issues and look for

ways to make the City an even better place to live and work. There are seven citizen led committees that guide these efforts, including:

- Planning Commission
- Design Review Board
- Traffic and Public Safety Committee
- Public Art Committee
- Parks Advisory Committee
- Library Board
- Budget Committee

These committees provide strategic guidance to the City Council. The community volun-

teers on these committees chart a path for implementing a consistent design style for commercial developments, create traffic solutions at key bottlenecks, and select artwork to be featured in the community.

Planning for the future isn't just about what the City Council thinks is best. It takes a collective vision from the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees. The City is fortunate to receive guidance and input from our community volunteers on these committees.

While not every committee has a vacancy at this moment, the City is always accepting new applications. To apply for one of these appointed advisory board positions, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application. Deadline to apply is Thursday, Dec. 1. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions>.

For questions, please contact Ben Bryant, Assistant City Manager at benb@happyvalleyor.gov or 503-783-3840.



Participating in a committee allows residents to take a more active role in City happenings. Check out the City website to see which committees have an opening and apply online by Dec. 1.



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School Safety Town Hall to discuss issues of security, emergency response

The City of Happy Valley and Happy Valley's Youth Council are coordinating a community event to be held later this month with an emphasis on school safety. The Youth Council typically holds an annual youth-centric event for high school students, but this year's gathering will broaden its reach and encourage parents of teens to join as well. Youth will continue to take center stage, however, with identified speakers helping guide the conversation. With instances of school violence making national headlines and local incidents stimulating concern in the community, the topic is timely and an important one for both students and families to discuss together.

The School Safety Town Hall event will include school educators, civic and business leaders, public and social service agencies, law enforcement, and elected officials.

Planned in partnership with North Clackamas School District, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, and Happy Valley Police Department, the Town Hall will give teens and their parents the opportunity to talk more specifically about school safety and the emergency response processes that are in place. Specific points of interest include:

- 1. How to identify and report a threat or concern
- 2. How reports of harm are collected and assigned to law enforcement
- 3. How reports are investigated
- 4. The role of law enforcement and School Resources Officers
- 5. What students and parents can do to help during an incident
- 6. How reunification plans are implemented and information disseminated

Registration is FREE but RE-

QUIRED. Please head to www.happyvalleyor.gov/school-safety-town-hall to secure your spot. Registration will be capped at four (4) participants maximum per household.

*Please note this event will include content that is sensitive in nature. Information is specifically geared toward students in middle and high school, and their parents or caregivers. Due to space limitations and the City's attempt to provide this information to as many families as possible, it is requested that families consider only registering one parent.

About the Happy Valley Youth Council

The Happy Valley Youth Council is an advisory board serving as teen advocates in their community. Youth Councilors collaborate on ideas and information and look to the City Council for mentorship and assistance. The Youth Council encourages community members to join their events and attend their monthly council meetings.

In 2010, the City embarked on a mission to involve local high school students in a forum where they could exchange diverse opinions on matters of importance to their peer group in a safe and non-judgmental atmosphere. Professionally moderated, the first Youth Town Hall captured big ideas and enthusiasm, and a follow-up work session led to the groundwork of the City's first Youth Council. Student leaders from local high schools were selected to work under the guidance of city government representatives, to give teens a voice and a stake in their Happy Valley community.

This advisory board of teen advocates consists of members who must be of high school age and



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reside in the City of Happy Valley. Vacancies on the panel are filled by the election of new members as voted on by the sitting Youth Council. Youth Councilors collaborate on ideas and goals to enhance their community and look to the city's elected leaders such as the Mayor and City Council, for mentorship and assistance. Monthly council meetings are held to attend to the business of organizing Youth Council events and planning their service and participation in other community events sponsored by the City.

Ongoing community goals include drug and alcohol abuse awareness through the annual Rx Drug Turn-in Days and mental health awareness that includes an Anti-Bullying campaign with

its cornerstone Bully Block Day event. To identify other current teen issues, they continue with the founding activity of a yearly Youth Town Hall where they work with other local teens to develop new ideas for projects to enhance their community. The Teen Driver Safety Event is one more annual event that has come from the workings of the Youth Council. Here, teens can experience first-hand how quickly distracted driving could have devastating consequences. Using driving simulators and impairment goggles, and hard-hitting testimonials from nurses and others affected by distracted driving, students who attend the event have their eyes opened to the realities of distracted driving.



At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check www.happyvalleyor.gov to confirm timing of events and instructions on how to participate virtually. You can also opt in to receive notifications about upcoming meetings by visiting <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/signup-for-notifications/>

CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

November 5

Leaf Drop: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
*Public Works Building: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park (See page 9 for details)

November 6

Daylight Savings Ends: turn clocks back 1 hour

November 8

Election Day: Ballot boxes open until 8 p.m. (see page 5 for details)

November 11

Veterans Day Observed: City Hall and Library **CLOSED**

November 14

Parks Advisory Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.

November 15

City Council Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m.

City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

November 17-27

Pints with Purpose: locations vary (see page 1 for details)

November 22

Library Board Meeting: HV Library Community Room, 6 p.m.

November 23

Happy Valley Business Alliance Meeting: City Hall, 7:30 a.m.

November 24

Thanksgiving Day: City Hall and Library **CLOSED**

November 25

City Hall **CLOSED**

December 3

Leaf Drop: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Public Works Building: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park

December 4

Tree Lighting Ceremony: City Hall Parking Lot, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. (See page 16 for details)

UPDATE

City of Happy Valley

The Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan (PV/NC 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. The City has been



working with advisory groups, stakeholders, and community feedback since 2018 to help shape the direction of the Plan.

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

The Planning Commission held a series of public hearings to review the Draft PV/NC Plan with input from the community before forming a recommendation that the City Council approve the proposal with several changes based on the public testimony, property owner requests and Planning Commission consideration and evaluation received. Staff will be making amendments over the next few months.

Once the revised PV/NC Plan is ready for City Council review, property owners in the PV/NC Plan area will receive another invitation to participate in the City Council review in the mail. The notice will also be emailed to those that have participated in

the review process and posted on the project website. The City Council will hold a public hearing to elicit more citizen feedback and decide if the PV/NC Plan should be adopted and if any additional changes are needed. For ongoing updates about the PV/NC Plan and upcoming events, visit <https://hv.city/pvnc>.

INTERACTIVE ZONING MAP: A interactive Draft Zoning Map associated with the PV/NC Plan is now on the City's website. Head to www.hv.city/pvnc.



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Oktoberfest

Festival offers fun, laughter

Residents and visitors alike enjoyed a fun-filled day at Happy Valley Park on Saturday, Oct. 8 with the return of Oktoberfest. Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and Valley Public House once again joined forces to bring this festive event to fruition and the weather did not disappoint. Between pumpkins, wagon rides, dog races, and a lively beer garden, the day paid homage to Fall and the traditional German festival.





▲ A pumpkin decorating booth coordinated by Venvino Art Studio let the kids get creative.



▲ Hands down, the most hilarious event of the day was the Tractor Pedal Races.



▲ Prost! Mayor Tom Ellis made Oktoberfest official with the ceremonious tapping of the Firkin Keg.



▲ High fives all around! Principal Jeff Green of Mt. Scott Elementary took the title of pie eating contest winner for the adult division.



▲ Chanel, winner of the kids' pie eating contest, gives the thumbs up.



◀ A petting zoo welcomed kids of all ages.




▲ Pumpkins everywhere! Kids had an opportunity to pick out a pumpkin to keep thanks to generous sponsor Clackamas Federal Credit Union.



▲ As evening set in, Oktoberfest continued with the smooth vocals of Ian James.



▲ Dog races were the highlight of the day. Weiner dogs, Corgis, and a special category for dogs under 20lbs led to lots of laughs and applause.



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How to be safe in the kitchen:

- Check on food regularly while cooking and set timers. Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- Keep your cooking area clean. Remove items, such as



Keep an eye on cooking appliances this holiday season and practice safe habits in the kitchen.

towels, oven mitts, and food packaging away from the stove. Keep handles for pots and pans turned toward the back of the stove.

- Don’t wear loose fitting sleeves or clothing while cooking.
- If a fire starts on the stove top, cover it with a lid or metal cookie sheet and turn the stove off. Do not throw water on a grease fire.
- If there is an oven fire,

keep the door closed and turn off the oven.

■ If you experience a fire beyond the pan that has spread, get outside, and call 9-1-1 immediately.

As a reminder, make sure that you have working smoke alarms in your home. Test the alarms once a month to ensure they are functioning properly.

Keep your holiday season happy and safe by preventing fires in the kitchen.



Two more FREE Leaf Drop events will take place on Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. This service is provided to City residents at no charge.

Parks and Recreation to host two more Leaf Drop events

If those leaves are continuing to pile up and that yard debris is still sticking around, there is another opportunity to rid yourself of the clutter. Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is offering two more chances for residents to drop off yard debris for FREE.

Seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris and grass clippings) can be discarded at the Public Works building for free recycling.

Saturday, Nov. 5
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site.

This is a residential service only which means no commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.

**Remember to bring proof of residency with you to the event.*

Fall weather safety tips

Fall has arrived and that means wet roads, fallen leaves, foggy mornings, and fewer daylight hours. Below are a few tips to keep the roads and your home safe this fall.

On the road

- Make your vehicle more visible by driving with your headlights turned on. Most modern vehicles have lights that will automatically come on once the sun begins to set. Check your vehicle to see if this setting is an option.
- Slow down. Drive a speed suitable for the conditions of the road. If you are traveling



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with too much speed, you may not make that corner or stop in time.

■ Give yourself extra time. Running late to work, school, or extracurricular event does not mean it's time to SPEED up.

■ Stand out in a crowd. If you are out on the road, walking or riding a bike, make sure you are visible. Protect yourself by wearing reflective gear and/or carrying a

light of some kind. The City is offering complimentary safety lights this season, so be sure to pick one up while supplies last. Reflectors and flashing LED lights on your body make your presence much more obvious to others.

Street sweeping and street trees

Low-hanging limbs on street trees prevent the City's street sweeper from keeping your residential streets cleared of debris and pose as a hazard for allowing fire trucks to safely pass in the case of an emergency. This can also prohibit the visibility of drivers and those on foot. To combat this, please be sure that your street trees are properly pruned and maintained. This is the responsibility of property owners. City code 8.08.290 describes proper maintenance as follows:

- Trees and bushes bordering the street must be trimmed to allow clearance of at least 7 ½ feet above the sidewalk level
- Trees hanging over the street must be trimmed to allow clearance of at least 11 feet

above the street level

■ Trees hanging over an arterial or one-way street must be trimmed to allow clearance of at least 14 feet above the street level.

■ When possible, park cars off the roadway to allow the street sweeper to make its way by.

Storm drains

Often forgotten about, it is important to clear your storm drain of debris. This reduces foliage from accumulating and leading to flooding while protecting the health of our rivers and streams, and minimizing your lawn pollutants that may contaminate our water supply.

Inspect the storm drain in front of your house or business on a regular basis. Monitor and clean the catch basin in the fall when the trees are



Sir Sweeps-A-Lot, the City's beloved street sweeper, gets ready to head out for a day of clean up.

shedding their leaves. If you notice that leaves and debris are blocking your storm drain, rake the vegetation from the catch basin. Do not attempt to remove the grate, but rather focus on the debris on top of the grate. Do not rake or blow fallen leaves into the street. Instead, place leaves in your yard debris bin for easy recycling or take advantage of one of the upcoming Community Leaf Drop events. The street sweeper cannot remove large piles of leaves that have been gathered in the roadway.



Daylight savings ends on Nov. 6. Be sure to turn clocks back one hour.

Keep FOG Out of Your Pipes!

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are found in everyday foods and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, milk, gravies, sauces and food scraps. If poured down the sink drain or into your garbage disposal, FOG can build up over time by sticking to the insides of sewer pipes. This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or the public wastewater system. You can help prevent sewer backups by following these simple steps:

- Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and toss it into the trash instead of down sink drains.
- Soak up remaining FOG with paper towels and place it in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps into your compost or trash before washing dishes or loading the dishwasher.
- Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

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A grand opening for Happy Valley Food Hall

Last month, the Happy Valley Food Hall celebrated their official Grand Opening with a day full of activities including a Lion Dance Performance.

Brandon Ha with White Lotus Dragon & Lion Dance, part of the non-profit White Lotus Foundation dedicated to empowering and supporting the A.A.P.I community, said that the the Lion Dance performance, a traditional cultural performing arts used to grant blessings and provide prosperity for celebratory events, is used to scare away ghosts and bad spirits in order to bring prosperity and good luck to the establishment.

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City and business leaders along with Happy Valley Food Hall management celebrate grand opening with a ribbon cutting



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Lunchtime series
(12-1 p.m., 1-1:30 p.m. Q&A) via Zoom
Tuesday 11/8, Wednesday 11/9, Thursday 11/10
Tuesday: 11/8, 12-1:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

Get to Know North Clackamas Watersheds: What and where the North Clackamas watersheds are, and how to protect them both individually and in working together. We'll discuss how urbanization has affected these watersheds, and dive into the best ways to steward these streams.

Wednesday: 11/9, 12-1:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

Wildlife in the North Clackamas Watersheds: Continue getting to know the North Clackamas watersheds with an introduction to the wildlife that live here, where to spot them, and the challenges they face from urbanization and climate change. Let's bust some myths and learn how we can help and support the wildlife in our watersheds.

Thursday, 11/10, 12-1:30 p.m. (via Zoom)

North Clackamas Watersheds, People, and Place: How our watersheds affect us. Continue getting to know the North Clackamas watersheds by exploring the connections between human and watershed health. From birth weight to longevity, learn why canopy and nature are crucial to our shared futures.

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Happy Valley Police connect with community at Coffee with a Cop

Happy Valley residents and police deputies met around cups of coffee and pastries at Le Petit Café at the Happy Valley Station Food Carts on Oct. 19 for the City's Coffee with a Cop event.

Residents and members from law enforcement spent the time talking about a variety of subjects. The Happy Valley Police Chief and staff listened to concerns and shared how their department responds to calls and manages community safety.

The event served to help familiarize community with members of the Public Safety Team, which included several deputies, the City's School Resource Officer, a detective, and Community Service Officers from the City's Code Enforcement team.

Happy Valley Police Chief, Rich Sheldon, said he finds that in casual settings people are of-

ten more open to speaking to law enforcement about their concerns and feel more comfortable discussing things that might be on their minds. He recognizes that some residents might have questions or concerns but don't always feel comfortable approaching him or his deputies directly. He's hoping events like Coffee with a Cop help break down these barriers and give community a chance to familiarize themselves with his team, so that when they are out and about, community members feel more at ease engaging in conversation.

"Residents may feel intimidated or think they are bothering us with a question or idea, but this isn't so. We encourage community interactions, and we want residents, business owners, and visitors alike to feel comfortable reaching out and speaking up. In a setting like



▲ Chief Rich Sheldon talks with several event attendees.

[Coffee with a Cop], we're able to learn more about the community we serve and have some great dialogues about pressing concerns that might be at play," Chief Sheldon said.

Coffee with a Cop events help increase community policing and provide a platform for productive conversations between police officers and the communities they serve. The City of Happy Valley and the Happy Valley Police Department understands the importance of this and has held several similar events over the years.

Happy Valley resident, Tara, said she recently moved to the City and has noticed the police having a positive presence in the community. She was happy to meet members of the Public Safety Team at the event and could see how a gathering like

this helps solidify the community feel of Happy Valley.

Another attendee, Soheyl, said he enjoyed the event because it gave him a chance to thank officers for what they do, and it allows him a chance to voice his support for their work in the community. He said he enjoyed getting to know some of the deputies and talking about their work in the City.

Those who attended Coffee with a Cop said they would return to the event in the future as it was nice to get to know the individuals actively patrolling the areas they live, work, and play.

Chief Sheldon said he and his department plan to continue community outreach efforts. For Chief Sheldon, whether it be Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, or any other event,



◀ Deputy Hawkins talks with resident, Amanda, and her four-year-old son, an aspiring police officer, who was excited to meet members of the City's Public Safety Team.



▲ The City's Coffee with a Cop event gathered members of the community and members of the Public Safety Team for coffee and conversation.

cultivating opportunities for residents to engage law enforcement in positive ways is key to bolstering safe neighborhoods and strengthening relationships with community.

Want to learn more about the

Happy Valley Police Department? Be sure to follow the team on Facebook at @HappyValleyPoliceDepartment or check out their designated webpage at www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/police-department.

► Community Service Officer, David Coan (left) and event attendee, Soheyl, share ideas and talk about community engagement.



City agrees to purchase 40 acres for new community center, park

After months of productive conversations, the City is excited to announce that it has entered into an agreement to purchase 40 acres east of 172nd Avenue for a future Community Center and Community Park. Through surveys, focus groups, and informal feedback, the City has consistently heard that this is one of the top priorities for Happy Valley residents. Over the course of the next few months, the City will be completing due diligence on the property prior to closing.

As highlighted in the last issue of HV News, the following amenities are

envisioned in a Community Center:

- Indoor Recreational Swimming Pool
- Double Court Gymnasium
- Indoor Walking & Jogging Track
- Large Community Room & Kitchen
- Reservable Gathering Space
- Weight & Cardio Spaces
- Group Exercise Room

This has been based on input gathered through surveys, focus groups, and a resident-led Steering Committee. For more information, contact Ben Bryant, Assistant City Manager at benb@happyvalleyor.gov or 503-886-8440.



Potential building designs are in development to help visualize a Happy Valley Community Center on the property. With reservable gathering spaces, indoor track, and multi-use recreational spaces, the City continues to actively investigate what will be needed to bring this desired project to fruition.

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November 2022 Library Events

The library will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 and Thursday, Nov. 24

ADULT PROGRAMS

Mah Jongg
Fridays, 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your current National Mah Jongg League cards. Contact the library if you would like to learn to play.

The Vietnam War Oregon Remembers
Thursday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.
The Vietnam War Oregon Remembers is a 90-minute "Oregon Experience" OPB special originally aired in 2017 that showcases the memories of Oregon Vietnam veterans, anti-war protestors, political leaders, family members, and today's Vietnamese community and explores how their experiences have shaped their lives today. Come watch the episode and share your thoughts afterwards.

Program provided courtesy of Oregon Public Broadcasting and the Oregon Historical Society. Funding for Oregon Experience: The Vietnam War Oregon Remembers was provided by Arlene Schnitzer and Jordan Schnitzer, the Oregon Cultural Trust, the Clark Foundation, and the Holzman Foundation.

String-Along
Sundays, Nov. 13 and 27, 2 p.m.- 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 music in a casual, jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

Genealogy Club
Monday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.
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! Genealogy Club can be attended



Happy Valley Library Book Group
Thursday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.- 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'll be discussing the historical WWII novel *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!

in-person or online. Visit go.lincc.org/hvapp for virtual login information, or email library@happyvalleyor.gov with questions.

Native American Art of Oregon
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m.
Learn about Oregon's Native American history and how Oregon's Native art differs from that of British Columbia, Alaska, and Washington. PSU's Dr. Tracy Prince explains Oregon's history of attempted tribal decimations and how Native American cultural and artistic expressions still thrive. American cultural and artistic expressions still thrive. Tribes in Oregon express artistry via basketry, canoes, longhouses, burial platforms, rock art, and beadwork (on clothing, necklaces, headdresses and cradleboards). Contemporary artists' sculptures, paintings, and weavings are internationally renowned.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Storytimes
Play times and storytimes are back! See our full listing at go.lincc.org/hvbirthto5 for program details.

Stretch, Dance, Play
Thursday, Nov. 3, 10:15 a.m.
For ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Join Iris Nason for dance, yoga, singing, sign language and play!

Sign & Sing
Friday, Nov. 18, 10:15 a.m.
For ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Sing, dance, and sign with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers. Find out more at go.lincc.org/hvsign.

Tallulah's Daddy
Saturday, Nov. 19, 10:15 a.m.
For ages 2-6 and their caregivers. Drop in for some musical fun with our favorite bass playing dad!

Baby & Toddler Play
Monday, Nov. 21, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
For ages 0-24 months. Drop in for some open play with toys and music, just right for little ones and their grownups.

Engineer It!
Thursday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. For K-5th grades
For K-5th graders and their caregivers. Join us to explore a collection of Oregon artifacts from the museum and engage in fun, hands-on engineering challenges. Presented by the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Register at go.lincc.org/hvK5.

Duplo Play
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
For ages 0-5. Let's build together with Duplo blocks! Drop in to play and see what we can make.

Build with Blair
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m.-noon
For K-5th graders and their grownups. Join Blair for a LEGO building challenge.

Homeschool Club: LEGO Play
Thursday, Nov. 17, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
For K-5th graders. Hey homeschool families! Bring your imagination for some fun LEGO building. For those who want a little extra, we'll have challenge cards to test your creativity.

Leaf Party
Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
For ages 3-10. Drop in to make some leaf art with paper, markers, watercolors, and more!

Your Library Out and About

While you might picture the building when you hear “library,” you may also find your library at retirement centers, schools, and community events. This past year, library staff have increased outreach efforts, bringing library services out of the building and into the community. Library staff make regular visits to two area retirement communities. They have been signing up residents with new cards, bringing a hand-selected assortment of materials to browse and check out, and spreading word of all the great resources the library has to offer. “There’s a simple joy in making library cards for folks and getting them access to the more than a million items we offer; that joy is amplified by how voracious the readers are at these communities. I get quite the work-out carrying their checkouts and returns,” says Graham, a Library Assistant. Our Librarian Isaac travels to local preschools to share stories, sing songs, and bring library fun. “Preschool classrooms are some of my favorite places,” says Isaac. “I deeply respect the work done by preschool teachers, and love seeing the communities they form in their classrooms. The curiosity and joy on the children’s faces as we’re singing and being silly together is always a bright spot in my day.” Librarians also attend school family nights, hand out books at community festivals,



and connect with area organizations. “Library service doesn’t stop at our doors,” says Library Director, Doris. “We strive to reach people where they are, because libraries are for everyone.” So next time you see your friendly librarian out and about, be sure to say hi!

BOOKS CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

November is Native American Heritage Month. To celebrate, the library is highlighting recent books by Native authors for children, teens, and adults. Within the pages of these books, you will find diverse perspectives on the contemporary Indigenous experience. With over 500 Federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages, there is not a single Native American story, rather there are many stories

ADULT NONFICTION
Catching the Light
by Joy Harjo
United States Poet Laureate and winner of the 2022 Academy of American Poets Leadership Award Joy Harjo examines the power of words and how poetry summons us toward justice and healing.
Dream Drawings: Configurations of a Timeless Kind
by N. Scott Momaday
The Pulitzer prize-winning, internationally renowned poet, novelist, artist, teacher and storyteller presents 100 sketches with accompanying poetry that explores nature, animals, Native American warriors and hunters, love, loss and mortality.
White Magic: Essays
by Elissa Washuta
In this collection of intertwined essays, Washuta writes about land, heartbreak, and colonization, about life without the escape hatch of intoxication, and

about how she became a powerful witch. She interlaces stories from her forebears with cultural artifacts from her own life.
An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States
by Kyle Mays
This first history of the intersection of the Black and Native American struggles for freedom examines pre-Revolutionary America to today's Black Lives Matter movement and indigenous activism against the use of Native American imagery in culture and sports.
ADULT FICTION
Shutter
by Ramona Emerson
A forensic photographer working for the Albuquerque police force, Rita Todacheene, who sees the ghosts of crime victims who point her toward the clues the other investigators overlook, is caught in the cross-hairs of one of Albuquerque's most dangerous cartels when a furious ghost

sets her on a path of vengeance.
Woman of Light
by Kali Fajardo-Anstine
In 1930s Denver, Luz “Little Light” Lopez, a tea leaf reader and laundress, begins having visions that transport her to her Indigenous homeland in the nearby Lost Territory where she must save her family stories from disappearing into oblivion.
Fevered Star
by Rebecca Roanhorse
Living avatars, Serapio and Naranpa, fight to stay human in the face of changes that will transform the great city of Tova as tense alliances form and far-away enemies gather, in the second novel of the series, following *Black Sun*.
Calling for a Blanket Dance
by Oscar Hokeah
Follows the life of Ever Geimausaddle, a young Native American, through the multigenerational perspectives of his family as they face policy corruption, threats of job loss, constant resettlement and the pent up rage of centuries of injustice.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS
Powwow Day
by Traci Sorell; illustrated by Madelyn Goodnight
River cannot join in the dancing at this year's tribal powwow due to illness, she can only watch from the sidelines as her sisters and cousins dance the celebration, but as the drum beats, she finds hope that she will recover and dance again.
Look, Grandma! Ni, Elisi!
by Art Coulson, illustrated by Madelyn Goodnight
Bo wants to find the perfect container to show off his traditional marbles for the Cherokee national Holiday.
We are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know
by Traci Sorell; illustrated by Frané Lessac
A group of Native American kids from different tribes

present twelve historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates, each ending with a powerful refrain: “we are still here”.
Finding My Dance
by Ria Thundercloud; illustrated by Kaillia J. Fuller
Professional Indigenous dancer Ria Thundercloud tells the true story of her path to dance and how it helped her take pride in her Native American heritage.
Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer
by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Natasha Donovan
Mary Golda Ross designed classified projects for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation as the company's first female engineer; her passion for math and her Cherokee values shaped her life and work.

TEEN BOOKS
A Snake Falls to Earth
by Darcie Little Badger
Fifteen-year-olds Nina and Oli come from different worlds, she is a Lipan Apache living in Texas and he is a cottonmouth from the Reflecting World, but their lives intersect when Oli journeys to Earth to find a cure for his ailing friend and they end up helping each other save their families.
Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: A Guide to the Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants
by Robin Wall Kimmerer; adapted by Monique Gray Smith; illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt
Botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer's best-selling book Braiding Sweetgrass is adapted for a young adult audience by children's author Monique Gray Smith, bringing Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.

ADULT BOOKS FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In the October issue of HV News, an error occurred and the Library's list of suggested reads in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month was not included. The HV News team apologizes for the error and has included the story here. The following are some recommended books for adults selected to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

FICTION
A Proposal They Can't Refuse
by Natalie Caña
Kamilah, a Puerto Rican chef and Liam, an Irish American whiskey distiller are blackmailed by their grandfathers, best friends since boyhood, into getting married or risk losing the building that houses both their businesses.

Of Women and Salt
by Gabriela Garcia
A haunting meditation on the choices of mothers, the legacy of the memories they carry, and the tenacity of women who choose to tell their stories despite those who wish to silence them, this is more than a diaspora story; it is a story of America's most tangled, honest, human roots.
Olga Dies Dreaming
by Xochitl Gonzalez
In the wake of Hurricane Maria, Olga, the tony wedding planner for

Manhattan's power brokers, must confront the effects of long-held family secrets when she falls in love with Matteo, while other family members must weather their own storms.
Songs for the Flames: Stories
by Juan Gabriel Vásquez
An award-winning, best-selling author returns to stories in this collection of nine morally complex tales of men and women touched by violence and whose lives are changed forever by unexpected encounters and unyielding forces.

NON-FICTION
Illegally Yours
by Rafael Agustín
This heartwarming and comical memoir looks at how a successful TV writer accidentally discovered that he was an undocumented immigrant in his teenage years and how it turned his entire world upside down.
Cuba: An American History
by Ada Ferrer
A Professor of History and Latin American and Caribbean Studies

at New York University provides an epic history of Cuba from before Columbus arrived to modern times and discusses its complex relationship with the United States.
Crude: A Memoir
by Pablo Fajardo
A graphic novel exploring Texaco's involvement in the Amazon, as well as the ensuing legal battles between the oil company, the Ecuadorian government, and the region's inhabitants.

Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon Through North America's Stolen Land
by Noé Álvarez
A debut memoir by the son of working-class Mexican immigrants describes his upbringing in Washington State, membership in the Peace and Dignity Journeys movement and competition in the Native American cultural marathons from Canada to Guatemala.



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Happy Valley Community Church

Location: 10601 SE 129th Ave.

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Monday, November 28th 12:30pm-6:30pm

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

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www.happyvalleyor.gov/tree-lighting-2022
Sunday Dec. 4, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.



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Walk and Roll to School brings fun, raises safety awareness

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is always proud to support local schools! Last month, the Parks and Rec team was out early as they greeted students from Happy Valley Elementary and Happy Valley Middle Schools for their Fall Walk and Roll to School events.

This event is all about having fun while learning about the importance of crosswalk safety, keeping distractions to a minimum, and practicing safe habits when getting to and from school. The event culminated with students walking from Happy Valley Park to school as one big group where our friends from the Happy Valley Police Department were at the ready handing out stickers and greeting the kids at the entrances. Big shout out to Happy Valley Elementary PTO for putting this event together!



Off they go! The event culminated with students, parents, and school staff walking (and rolling) together to class.

Kids sampled some treats and other snacks.

Happy Valley Elementary students, teachers, and even Champ, the school's mascot, pose for a group photo.



A group of students gather for some playtime at the All Abilities Park before walking to school.

Safe Routes to School and Oregon Impact supported the event with community booths that offered educational material and giveaways.



Families attended the event together.

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HV HIKERS — GET OUT AND MOVE!!

<http://www.hvhikers.com/>
HV Hikers are back in action! Their goal is to encourage you to experience the beauty of the area, to get a little exercise, and to make new friends. All hikes are free, no RSVP required. If it's on the calendar, they'll be there. Groups walk frequently in the area bordered by Sunnyside (on the south), Valley View Terrace (on the west), Clatsop (on the north) and 172nd (on the east). This is a varied group, and since all are welcome to show up without RSVP, we see new faces all the time. Interested in join a group hike around the valley? Be sure to visit the HV Hikers newly updated webpage for a calendar view of all upcoming group hikes.

A Change of Scenery

2022 Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Activity Guide



Don't let the change in weather stop you from exploring and being active. Autumn and winter are great times to try new activities and stay motivated with fitness goals. Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is here to keep you active, healthy, and most of all, connected to the community. Find something perfect for you.



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*All Parks and Recreation classes, camps, and special events are subject to space availability. Most programs require a minimum number of participants to proceed. If the minimum enrollment requirement is not met, the class or activity may be canceled. In this case, a refund will be provided, or credit will be given toward another program.
*Classes and events reflected in this schedule were confirmed at time of print. Please note that circumstances could change based on health and safety restrictions. Should this occur, Parks and Recreation staff will notify registered participants of any scheduling changes or cancellation. The City will also post updates on its website and Facebook pages should a Community Event be postponed or canceled.

November 2022-February 2023 Parks and Recreation Programming

To register for one of these featured programs, be sure to check out www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/parks



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Venvino Art Studios
All art classes will be held at Venvino Art Studios located at 13329 SE Misty Drive.

• **Create and Learn Series – Fall Mason Jars**

Nov. 4, 6pm – 7:30pm
Friday • Ages 16+ • \$20/ 1.5-hour session
Open to ages 16+. Join us for a night of learning and creating! In this session, you will learn how to create your own fall mason jar! Choose from a few different styles or designs. Each registration includes all the supplies and materials to make your pint-sized fall mason jar décor. Bring a friend and make an evening out of it!



• **Weekly Art Enrichment Program**

Nov. 5-Feb. 25 - 9am – 11am
Saturday • Ages 4-8
\$25/ 2-hour session
Kids ages 4-8yrs can be dropped off at the studio on Saturday between the hours of 9am and 11am for some fun structured crafts and art play! We'll have several projects for them to create plus coloring, games, stories, sensory play, and more! Give them some time to socialize and play while you take some time for yourself! Your kiddos will learn important skills such as following directions, working together, thinking outside the box, and being creative. Plus, this is a great way for them to build self-confidence and fine motor skills!



• **Create and Learn Series – Gift Tags & Embellishment Making**

Dec. 2, 6pm – 7:30pm
Friday • Ages 16+ • \$20/ 1.5-hour session
Open to ages 16+. Make your gift tags! We have so many fun ways to create unique gift tags for your presents this year. Make your gifts even more special with your own unique tags. Registration includes 12-15 gift tags, the use of scrap paper, punches, glitter, stamps, twine, and all supplies, materials, and instruction to create your tags. Bring a friend and make an evening out of it!



• **Create and Learn Series – Make Your Own Vision Board**

Jan. 6, 6pm – 8pm
Friday • Ages 16+
\$20/ 1.5-hour session
Open to ages 16+. A vision board is a collage of images, photographs, affirmations, and quotes that help you visualize your goals and dreams. Most of us have dreams, but they often get lost in the endless stream of our daily thoughts. This is where vision boards come in. They help you to put your focus back on what matters. Your registration will include an 11" x 14" framed sign board, white board sticker, inspiration images, and all the supplies and materials to create your own unique board. Bring a friend and make an evening out of it!



• **Create and Learn Series – Candle Making**

Feb. 3, 6pm – 8pm
Friday • Ages 16+
\$20/1.5-hour session
Open to ages 16+. Candles have been used as a source of light and to illuminate celebrations for more than 5,000 years. Homemade candles usually last longer because they are made from higher-quality wax. Plus, you can add your own scents and colors, and decorate your jars! Each registration includes your choice of a glass jar and enough candle wax, essential oils, color pigment, and any additional additive provided to create your own custom candles. Bring a friend and make an evening out of it!



Youth Open Gym Nights
Location: Scouters Mountain Elementary School – 10811 SE 172nd Ave.

Dec. 6 – Feb. 28, 6:30pm-8pm
Tuesday • Ages 10-17 • FREE
Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is excited to offer open gym nights! Open gym is an opportunity for youth to practice their basketball skills, shoot hoops with their friends and stay active! Bring your own basketball and water bottle. Open to youth ages 10-17yrs, available on a first-come, first-served basis. A liability waiver must be completed for each participant. To provide a safe environment, there will be a maximum of 30 participants in the gym at a time. Open gym is welcome to all Happy Valley residents. **No organized groups allowed during open gym night.**



Skyhawks Sports Classes
All classes held at Camp Withycombe Gymnasium 15300 Minuteman Way

• **Multi-Sport (Basketball, Soccer, Dodgeball)**

Dec. 19 – Dec. 23, 9am-noon
Monday - Friday • Ages 8-12 • \$155
Our Multi-Sport camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. For this program we combine 2-3 sports into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games and scrimmages. By the end of the week, your child will walk away with knowledge of (2 or 3) new sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork, and self-discipline.



• **Mini-Hawk (Basketball, Baseball, Dodgeball, Soccer)**

Dec. 19 – Dec. 23, 9am-noon
Monday - Friday • Ages 4-7 • \$155
This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of baseball, basketball and soccer are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a big focus on fun. Our Mini-Hawk games and activities were designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination, and skill development at their own pace. Skyhawks staff are trained to handle the specific needs of young athletes.

• **Multi-Sport (Basketball, Soccer, Dodgeball)**

Dec. 19 – Dec. 23, 9am-3pm (ALL DAY)
Monday - Friday • Ages 8-12 • \$279
Our Multi-Sport camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. For this program we combine 2-3 sports into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games and scrimmages. By the end of the week, your child will walk away with knowledge of (2 or 3) new sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork, and self-discipline.



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Soccer Shots

All classes held at Happy Valley Park.

- **Soccer-Classic**

Feb. 5 – Mar. 5, 3:50pm-4:25pm
Sunday • Ages 3-4 • \$89

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.



- **Soccer-Classic**

Feb. 5 – Mar. 5, 3:00pm-3:35pm
Sunday • Ages 4-5 • \$89

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.



- **Soccer-Premier**

Feb. 5 – Mar. 5, 2pm-2:45pm
Sunday • Ages 5-8 • \$89

Soccer Shots Premier focuses on individual skill, fitness, and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner.



RECS Pickle Ball Classes

Location: RECS - 17015 SE 82nd Dr.
Clackamas, OR 97015

- **Open Play**

Monday – Friday, 1pm-3pm
Ages 65+ • \$2

Are you age 65+ and looking for others to play with? Weekdays between 1pm-3pm we have 65+ open play. Your play could be partially if not fully covered through Silver and Fit or Renew Active. Spots will fill up QUICKLY as the weather begins to change, so sign up today online through court reserve or give us a call at **503-655-PLAY**.



Pro tip: Did you know if you are age 65+ your membership can be partially or even FULLY paid for by your insurance through the Renew Active and Silver & Fit programs? Ask your healthcare provider to see if you have this benefit or give us a call and we can help check for you. RECS features pickleball clinics, Open Play sessions, leagues, and tournaments, as well as private events. Check out www.WeareRECS.com for more info or call **503-655-PLAY**.



Engineering for Kids

Classes held at the Happy Valley Annex
12915 SE King Rd.

- **Engineering Club!**

Jan. 5 – Feb. 9, 3pm-4:30pm
Thursday • Ages 5-12 • \$200

Engineers play an important role in society. Almost everything not manmade that you can perceive with your senses—touch, sight, smell, hearing, taste—has been engineered in some way. From the handle on a door, to the carpet on the floor, and the pencil you may be holding in your hand - an engineer has had a role in either the design or production of the object, or even taken on both roles! Engineers use science and math to make technology that makes our lives easier. It's also true that engineers work with more than machines—biomedical engineers are seeking ways to vaccinate the world and prevent contagious diseases, civil engineers build roads and bridges, and marine engineers use their knowledge to help preserve and rebuild underwater habitats for sea animals.

The activities covered in this class include various aspects of Engineering: Straw Rocket (Aerospace Engineering), Flashlight Builder (Electrical Engineering), Marshmallow Bridge (Civil Engineering), Green Boating (Environmental Engineering), Cartesian Diver (Marine Engineering) and Candy Catapults (Mechanical Engineering).



Mad Science

Classes will be held at Happy Valley Annex
12915 SE King Rd.

- **Imagination Academy**

Dec. 19 – Dec. 23, 9am-noon
Monday-Friday • Ages 5-7 • \$226

Discover, create & play! All aboard the imagination train as your young scientist takes a journey around the world of science. Join in the fun as we make our own inventions while exploring the world of inventors, learn to cast fossils in the domain of dinosaurs, explore the vastness of space and create a comet, watch the pull of gravity with parachutes and feel the heaviness of the air pressure all around us.



- **Brixology LEGO® Engineering**

Dec. 19 - Dec. 23 • 1pm-4pm
Monday-Friday

Ages 8-12 • \$226

engineering as a Mad Scientist guides you and your team to accomplish engineering-themed projects using LEGO® bricks and other materials. Aerospace, structural, water, learn about engineering the Mad Science way!



- **Crazy Chemworks**

Jan. 16, 9am-noon

Monday (No School Day)

Ages 5-12 • \$38.50

Eliminate the mystery in chemistry! Explore one of the most exciting and fundamental sciences as you hop on board the chemistry express for a high-speed science experience full of quick reactions and hands on fun!



- **Planets, Moons & Stars**

Jan. 16, 1pm-4pm

Monday (No School Day)

Ages 5-12 • \$38.50

Explore Earth, the Moon, Mars and beyond! This stellar program is your ticket to the stars! Watch star dust burn, journey through a soapy galaxy, and investigate the life cycle of a star journey to the farthest reaches of our solar system and create a lunar eclipse while learning about planetary order, size, and orbit. This class is one of four in our NASA Academy of Future Space Explorers Series.



- **Mechanical Engineers**

Feb. 20, 9am-noon

Monday (No School Day)

Ages 5-12 • \$38.50

Flex your engineering muscles while learning about levers, screws, and other simple machines. Experiment with rubber band powered cars using the scientific method as your guide, and build your own Mad Science Drag Racer!



- **Slippery Science**

Feb. 20, 1pm-4pm

Monday (No School Day)

Ages 5-12 • \$38.50

From the everyday to the extraordinary, Polymers are all around us. Learn what makes these maverick molecules so unique and so very important. Explore, create, and play with some polymers you may already know. Students will create slime using the Mad Science recipe and participate in the Slime Olympics.



Field Trip Fridays

Meeting location: HV City Hall – 16000 SE Misty Dr.

Come enjoy a new experience and leave the driving to us! The group will meet at Happy Valley City Hall where participants can hop on the RecMobile to enjoy an afternoon exploring a handful of Oregon's social, educational, and inspiring gathering spots, all while getting to know members of your community! Spots will be limited. To check out featured field trips, visit: www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks



Meals on Wheels People

Through the Meals on Wheels People program, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation provides warm, nutritious meals to some of our community's most vulnerable seniors while offering friendly visits to those who may otherwise feel isolated or have difficulty getting out and about.



Please consider donating to the City's local Meals on Wheels People program by visiting happyvalleyor.gov/meals-on-wheels. Learn about how you can volunteer for this vital program or submit a tax-deductible donation in the amount of your choice.

Your gift, whether through volunteering or financial aid, will support homebound seniors right here in Happy Valley.



Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation

Living and Playing Together

The Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation works collaboratively with the City's Parks and Recreation Department to help bolster park amenities and vital programming. At its core, the Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that parks and recreational programming are available for the enjoyment of all Happy Valley residents and visitors.

Help make a difference! The Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations to the Foundation not only help sustain City parks and natural areas, but they directly support such essential community programs as Meals on Wheels and recreational scholarships which directly benefit those who may otherwise not have access to these services.

Be sure to check out www.hvprf.org for more information and follow @HVPRF on Facebook!



To register for one of these featured programs, be sure to check out www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/parks



Babysitter Training Course
Classes held at Happy Valley City Hall.

• **Babysitter Training**
DATES COMING SOON!
Ages 10 - 16
Resident - \$50 / Non-resident - \$75
Our in-person babysitter classes give you access to the latest information on childcare, offer tips, and can answer all your questions so that you're ready to start your own babysitting business. With lecture and class activities, these courses are engaging, informative and fun. Although every situation is unique, there are some universal skills and techniques that every babysitter should have. Our courses were designed with this principle in mind and can help you deliver the care that families need. Just a few of the things our babysitting classes cover include: Basic Care for Infants and Children, Basic First Aid, Child Behavior, Age-Appropriate Activities, Emergency Protocols, Professionalism, Leadership, Growing Your Business.
***Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org/**



First Aid/CPR/AED Training
Classes held at Happy Valley City Hall.

• **First Aid/CPR/AED Training**
Wednesday Nov. 9, 9am-4pm
Ages 10+
Resident \$70/Non-Resident \$175
Our in-person CPR/First Aid Training course combines lecture with hands-on skills sessions. Perfect for those who learn best in a traditional classroom setting, our in-person class gives you ample time to ask questions and become comfortable with the latest techniques. Students will learn how to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, scrapes, sudden illnesses, head, neck, back injuries, heat and cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims. The skills you'll learn during the process can make all the difference to someone in need. Whether you require certification, or you simply want to learn how to respond in the event of an emergency, our in-person learning courses make it easy to get First Aid/CPR/AED certified to be prepared for the moments that matter. ***Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org/**
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Adventures Without Limits
View registration for meeting location details

- **Snowshoe Mt. Hood**
Jan. 21, 10:15am-2:30pm
Saturday • Ages 6+ • \$99
Escape into the snow-covered winter wonderland of Mount Hood National Forest to discover a world of tranquility and crisp winter air. Strap on your snowshoes and join Adventures Without Limits expert guides as they share their favorite trails and tricks and tips to getting outside in the winter. No experience necessary, just a sense of adventure and a love for being outdoors!
***AWL provides all the snowshoeing equipment necessary, including winter attire upon request. Participants are asked to bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing for the day.**
- **Moonlight Snowshoe Trip**
Feb. 4, 3:30pm-7pm
Saturday • Ages 6+ • \$105
Escape into the snow-covered winter wonderland of Mount Hood National Forest to discover a world of tranquility and crisp winter air. Strap on your snowshoes and join Adventures Without Limits expert guides as we explore Mt. Hood National Forest under the light of the full moon. No experience necessary, just a sense of adventure and a love for being outdoors!
***AWL provides all the snowshoeing equipment necessary, including winter attire upon request. Participants are asked to bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing for the day.**
- **XC Ski Trip**
Feb. 18, 10am-3pm
Saturday • Ages 6+ • \$105
Escape into the snow-covered winter wonderland of Mount Hood National Forest to discover a world of tranquility and crisp winter air. Lace up your boots, strap in your skis and join Adventures Without Limits expert guides as they provide a lesson on cross country skiing and share a day full of adventures along their favorite trails. No experience necessary, just a sense of adventure and a love for being outdoors!
***AWL provides all the equipment necessary, including winter attire upon request. Participants are asked to bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing for the day.**



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dec. 4, 4pm-6pm • Sunday •FREE

Event details online at:
www.happyvalleyor.gov/tree-lighting-2022



DEAR SANTA,

FROM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ AGE: _____

Valentine's Day Care Cards

Details coming soon!
All ages



Show a senior you care this Valentine's Day by making a Valentine's Care Card! All cards will be delivered to local senior living facilities and homebound seniors to show them some extra love this season!
Follow us online for coming details:
www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks

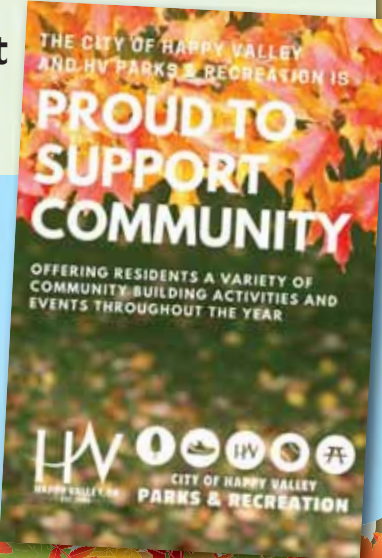
Shop Local

Get in the holiday spirit and support local businesses and artisans this season.

Get a jump start on your shopping as the Happy Valley Farmers Market holds its first annual Harvest Market on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sunnyside Church. The Farmers Market will also celebrate its 11th annual Procrastinators Holiday Market, so bundle up and peruse a variety of handmade items and goodies during this indoor/outdoor event to be held at Clackamas High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17.



Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is always finding ways to bring people together.
With community events throughout the year, residents can celebrate anything and everything!



Learn more about Happy Valley's proposed Parks Levy

PROPOSED MEASURE 3-589



Measure 3-589, a proposed renewal of the parks and recreation levy, has been referred to the ballot for the voters' consideration.

If the proposed measure passes,

fields, playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, and other items at city-owned parks would get five years of funding for building and maintenance. The revenue would also provide funding for recreation programs such as community events, summer camps, and youth and adult sports and activities, as well as services like Meals on Wheels.

If the proposed measure does not pass,

the proposed projects, park maintenance, events, and recreational programs would not receive funding, and the current tax rate of \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would expire on June 31, 2023.

How have parks and rec services in HV been funded in the past?

In 2018, Happy Valley voters passed the parks and recreation levy at the same rate that is proposed today. Before then, Happy Valley property owners paid taxes to North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD) to fund parks, programs, and facility management. The tax charged by NCPRD was also the same rate of \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In 2020, the Oregon State Legislature unanimously passed House Bill 4106 which removed the City from NCPRD and made Happy Valley its own parks and recreation provider. The City of Happy Valley has since managed all park maintenance, programming needs, and facilities.

If the levy does pass, how would it impact property taxes?

The proposed measure would continue an existing tax passed by voters and would not raise current tax rates. If the parks levy passes, a rate of \$0.54 per \$1,000 would be assessed. An example home with the average market value of \$550,000 and assessed value of \$368,500 would continue to pay approximately \$199/year or \$16.60/month.

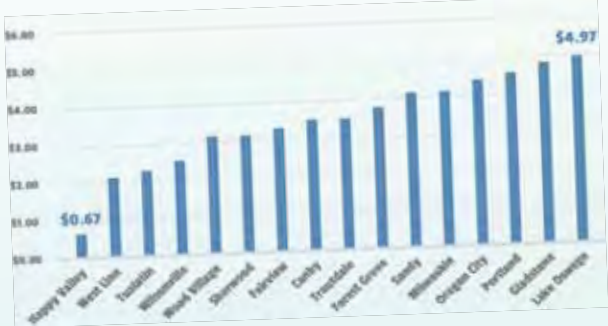
If the levy does not pass, how would it impact property taxes?

If the parks levy does not pass, tax payers would not pay \$0.54 per \$1,000 to the City of Happy Valley and the proposed projects and services would not be provided.

Permanent tax rates in the region:

Happy Valley's permanent tax rate is \$0.67 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The passing of Measures 5 (1990) and 50 (1997) set limits on the amount of tax levied on property values for schools and government districts and set a permanent tax rate on all tax districts in Oregon. Due to these measures, Happy Valley's permanent tax rate of \$0.67 cannot be increased. The chart below breaks down the permanent tax rate in other cities in the region.

Current Permanent Tax Rates in the Region

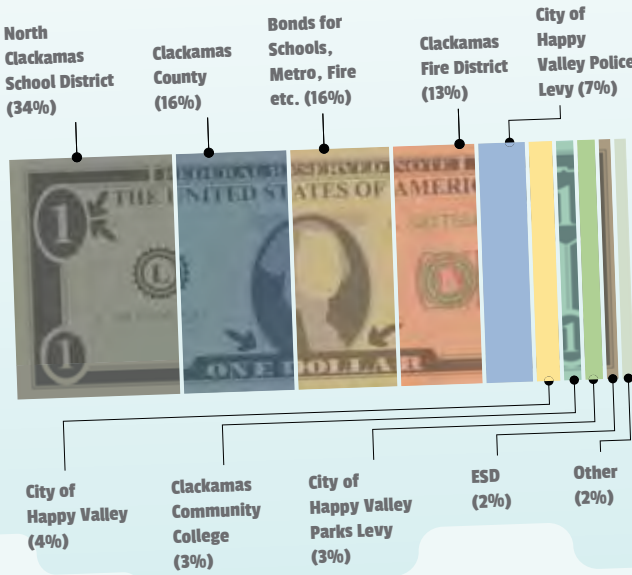


How would property tax revenues be distributed?

The City's permanent tax rate is 4% of the property tax assessed. If the parks and recreation levy passes, it would account for 3%. The rest of the tax bill goes to the schools, Clackamas County, and other service districts. If the levy passes, property owners would pay \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the parks levy does not pass, property owners would not pay \$0.54 per \$1,000 to the City of Happy Valley.

Note: Values below show percentages if the levy passes

Distribution of Happy Valley Residents' Tax Dollars



BALLOTS DUE NOV. 8

