





# Fencing

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Noah honed his technique, picking up important lessons from each match. “It feels pretty good knowing that [when I win], especially against someone that usually beats me. It just lets me know that I’ve gotten better and I’m doing better and [when I lose] I ask myself ‘how could I have done better?’ and I go straight to talk to my coach and see what he saw and what mistakes I made.”

As Noah’s skills sharpened, so did the level of competition. After his early local tournaments, he advanced to regional events like the Regional Youth Circuits (RYCs) and Super Youth Circuits (SYC), where he competed against some of the



Thomas in action against an opponent

best young fencers from across the country. Fencing has also brought him valuable things beyond athletic skills. “[Fencing] probably gives me many virtues like perseverance and compassion and bravery, and I’ve made much more

friends than I would have done with soccer,” he said. “We talk with our opponents after and I’m great friends with some other people at another club that helps me. By overcoming challenges and adapting to tougher competition,

Noah quickly found his groove and continued to improve. His dedication has led to significant milestones, including earning his Comp Classification, which ranks him among the top fencers in his age group. Most recently, he secured a spot in the



Happy Valley's Noah Thomas, 13

2026 Junior Olympics, an accomplishment that shows his hard work and rising success in the sport. “I felt accomplished and saw how much I advanced through the ranks,” he said. “Even if I get last places, it’s just an honor to be there.”

Looking ahead, Noah aims to earn an A-rating and continue building his reputation in the fencing community. With excitement for upcoming competitions and a commitment to growth, the future holds great promise for him.



# Baby Day

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Red Barn Baby Day is an annual event with a goal of promoting agricultural literacy and raising awareness about the work of FFA in the community. This year, despite some weather challenges, the event successfully brought together people from across the community. “The overall goal of Red Barn Baby Day is always to promote ag literacy within our community and show them both like where their food comes from, but also what we do on the facility,” Weston Wingerd, senior at Clackamas High School said. “It also helps get our name out our FFA chapter to the public

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— Weston Wingerd, CHS Senior

eye and remind people that we exist.” The day featured baby animals like lambs, piglets, and rabbits, which were a big hit with visitors of all ages. “We just have a bunch of animals here and they can come and pet the animals,” Wingerd said. “And then we can teach them stuff while they’re petting animals.” This year’s turnout, though slightly lower than previous years due to weather, still reflected the community’s strong interest in supporting and understanding agricultural practices. Chiniewicz led the planning

of Red Barn Baby Day with support from a handful of students, including chapter VP, Weston Wingerd and Rebecca Hunker as support. “I plan most of the event. You know, make sure certain things happened,” Chiniewicz said. “It went pretty well for being like my first time planning the event and it all came together.” The event was truly student-led, with advisors providing guidance as needed. Rebecca Hunker, a senior at Clackamas High School, was a big part of planning it last year, but primarily acted as support this time.

“I just wanted to help as much as I could if they needed it,” Hunker said. “I was kind of like a little voice of wisdom, but I also think that having a good time was important.” The team worked together on tasks like logistics and scheduling, ensuring a smooth event for the community. As this event continues to grow, it’s clear that the Red Barn Baby Day offers something special for everyone. “Red Barn Baby Day helps people understand what goes on in a farm in agriculture and it really shows what FFA is about,” Hunker said.

# Clinic

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to join as well, making this an inclusive learning opportunity for the entire community. Pre-registration is required to secure a spot. Attendees will rotate through four interactive stations, each offering practical demonstrations and expert advice. A Les Schwab technician will cover tire maintenance, including checking pressure, assessing tread wear, and changing a spare tire. A representative from AAA will provide guidance on checking and replacing fluids, decoding dashboard warning lights, and maintaining battery health. Additionally, Happy Valley Police will be on hand to share crucial road safety information and answer driver-related questions—a particularly valuable session for new drivers or those wanting a refresher. Whether you’re new to driving or just looking to sharpen your car care skills, this event is a great way to build confidence and prepare for the road ahead. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and pre-registration is required to secure your preferred time slot. Don’t miss this opportunity to take charge of your car’s maintenance with expert guidance!

**Car Care Clinic**  
Happy Valley City Hall  
16000 SE Misty Dr.  
Saturday, Apr. 26  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**You must pre-register online to participate.**  
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# The fight against distracted driving

HVPD encourages the community to drive responsibly

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and Happy Valley Police want to emphasize the importance of staying focused on the road. Through education and enforce-

HAPPY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Rich Sheldon

ment, traffic patrol deputies actively address distracted driving violations, which are increasingly on the rise.

In 2024, distracted driving led to over 3,000 deaths in the U.S. and over 400,000 accidents. Distractions range from talking on a cell phone, texting, eating, applying make-up, and anything else that diverts your attention away from driving.

Texting and cell phone use is the most frequent form of distracted driving, but anything that takes your attention off the road can pose a threat. Scanning radio stations, reaching for something behind you, adjusting your car's control knobs, talking to a passenger, or simply focusing on thoughts other than driving are all examples.

To prevent tragedies due to distracted driving, it is important to do the following:

- TURN OFF electronic devices and place them out of reach BEFORE you start driving.
- Set a good example for young drivers by demonstrating responsible driving habits.
- As a passenger, speak up if the driver uses an electronic device or is preoccupied. Offer to handle calls or texts, so the driver can focus on the road.
- ALWAYS wear your seat



Distracted driving can have a lasting impact. Please remember to focus on the road when driving and encourage loved ones to do the same.

belt, as it is often the best defense against unsafe drivers.

### Cell phones and the law

When it comes to cell phone use, drivers in Oregon must utilize a hands-free accessory that gives a person the ability to always keep both hands on the steering wheel. Drivers may only touch the mobile electronic device momentarily, via a swipe or tap, to activate or deactivate a function of the device.

A person commits the offense of using a mobile electronic device while driving if they hold the device in their hand or on their person at any time or touch the device for any reason other than to briefly swipe or tap a mounted hands-free device. This applies even when the driver is temporarily stopped at a light.

### Encourage awareness

HV Police Chief Rich Sheldon says it is crucial to have conversations with your family, teens,

and friends about the significance of staying focused while driving. "We've all seen drivers checking social media, watching videos, or even video calling behind the wheel," said Chief Sheldon. "Some try to hide their phones in their laps, thinking they're being discreet, but that only makes things worse by taking their eyes even farther from the road. No message or video is worth the risk of a crash. It only takes a second of distraction to change everything in your life. Please, stay focused and help keep yourself and others safe." Ultimately, distracted driving is preventable.

### It takes a village

Drivers aren't the only ones needing to pay attention. Pedestrians and bicyclists are also reminded to focus on their surroundings. Everyone plays a vital role in establishing safe practices and making the roads a safe place for travel.



Things are about to heat up! Let the countdown begin to the summer happenings of 2025.

## Get your kicks! Your ultimate summer event lineup

Happy Valley's Parks and Recreation team is gearing up for another season of fun in the sun

City of Happy Valley

The 2025 Happy Valley Parks and Recreation summer events line up is official and we're so excited to have the community join us once again for music, celebrations, and fun. For now, mark your calendars and get ready for another unforgettable season.

- Paws in the Park:** Saturday, May 31
- Dumpster Day:** Saturday, June 14
- 4th of July Family Festival:** Friday, July 4
- Concerts in the Valley:** Thursdays, July 10-Aug. 21
- National Night Out Activities:** Tuesday, Aug. 5

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation will be unveiling more event details soon, including special happenings in the works for this year's National Night Out.

Be sure to follow Happy Valley Parks and Recreation on Facebook and head to hv.city/parks for all the latest when it comes to event information. And don't forget to check out the Parks and Recreation 2025 summer programming guide in the June issue of HV News.

# On your mark, get set, go!

By CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY  
Staff Reporter

Dust off your sneakers because the Happy Valley Fun Run is headed your way! Back for its 44th year, this popular annual event encourages adults and kids alike to lace up their running shoes and help support programs for local students. This year's run is scheduled for Saturday, May 17.

The race, organized by Happy Valley Elementary School's PTO, is a professional event, complete with race shirts, timing chips, and sponsor booths.

Participants can choose from three events which include a kids' one-mile dash, a 5k run/walk, or a 10k run.

The kids dash will begin at 8:15 a.m. while the 5k and 10k races will begin at



Sign up now to participate in this year's Happy Valley Fun Run. Carried out by the HVE PTO, all proceeds benefit and fund programs at Happy Valley Elementary.

8:45 a.m.  
Fun for the whole family! There will be community booths and local vendors



Participants make a break for it at the starting line of last year's race.

before and after the race, and kids can even enjoy some activities throughout the event. Be sure to visit the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team as they will once again be hosting the ever-popular Hydration Station for race participants in Happy Valley Park.

### Happy Valley Fun Run

- Saturday, May 17
- Happy Valley Elementary School
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Future Community Park Design Options

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These illustrations depict several conceptual community park renderings presented to the City Council and the Parks Advisory Committee for feedback. It's important to note that these graphics are not representative of the final design.

*City of Happy Valley*

In last month's issue of the HV News, the City highlighted the results of a survey asking residents what they want to see in the future community park that will surround the Community Recreation Center. Utilizing the results of that survey, as well as input

received during the development of the City's Parks Master Plan, the City tasked a team of professional park planners to develop options for the Parks Advisory Committee and City Council to review.

On Mar. 4, the City Council met with the Parks Advisory Committee to discuss the options

and offer additional feedback. The purpose of the discussion was not to select the final option, but to generate ideas and provide input so our team can develop a plan that incorporates elements from all the options.

As evident by the options, the goal is to provide a balance between active (i.e. sports fields, sport courts, etc.) and natural

(walking trails) areas. While the details of the final option are being developed, the collective group expressed support for the general direction of the options having a mixture of sports fields and walking paths.

The next steps include developing a preferred design, evaluating the cost, and developing a funding strategy.

City Council recognizes community partners for supporting senior meal services

*Meals on Wheels People and New Seasons Market make significant impact locally*

*City of Happy Valley*

At the Feb. 18 City Council Meeting, Meals on Wheels People and New Seasons Market were honored and recognized for their generosity and commitment to the community. Between the most recent Pints with Purpose fundraiser and Donate Dinner campaign, enough funds were raised to cover a full year of meal service for homebound seniors in Happy Valley.

In August 2020, Happy Valley

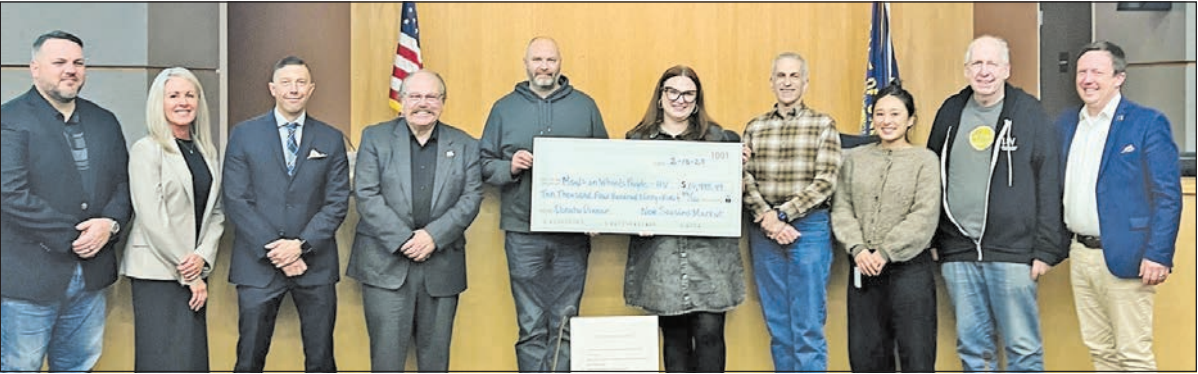


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Council President Joshua Callahan, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Stephani Hern, Councilor David Golobay, Mayor Tom Ellis, New Seasons Happy Valley Store Manager Ryan Pullar, New Seasons Community Impact Manager Karen Katibak, Councilor Brett Sherman, Meals on Wheels People Chief Development Officer Shelah Hanson, Meals on Wheels People Happy Valley volunteer Michael Morrow, and Councilor Glenn Wachter

Parks and Recreation became the City's meal provider to registered homebound seniors. Through Meals on Wheels People, 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.

The City is proud to partner and contract with Meals on Wheels People to make this

program possible. Together with New Seasons, these two outstanding organizations have provided vital support to ensure that our seniors and homebound neighbors receive nutritious meals and compassionate care.



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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

FINANCIAL FORECAST *A closer look at the City’s budget and projected finances*

One of the most important tasks we have as the Mayor and City Council is to ensure your tax dollars are spent responsibly. Of your property tax dollars, only 3% comes to the City for general operations. With additional voter approval, another 7% goes towards Public Safety and 3% goes towards Parks and Recreation. The other 87% of your tax bill goes to other service providers such as the North Clackamas School District, Clackamas Fire, Clackamas County, and more. As a City Council, all we control are the tax dollars the City receives.

Prior to developing the annual budget, the Finance Team in Happy Valley prepares a five-year financial outlook. This forecast identifies changes in revenues and expenditures and



MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY  
Tom Ellis

evaluates areas where service levels can be improved. In March, the City Council met with the Budget Committee for a joint session to discuss the City’s financial trajectory. The Budget Committee, which includes five residents with finance backgrounds, provides an additional layer of evaluation and insight.

The forecast estimates how local growth, and the global economy might impact our operations. All this information helps the Budget Committee and City Council develop a more detailed annual budget.

I’m pleased to report, with careful spending, the City has been able to have a positive financial outlook. The annual budget we approved at the end of June 2024 continues to allow for the funding of services that you have come to expect such as park beautification, road maintenance, community services, code enforcement, recreation programs, public safety services, growth management and permit processing, library services, and more.

In addition, the City has prioritized funding to keep the ball rolling on key capital investments, including:

- Designing improvements to 172nd Avenue
- Designing a new Community Recreation Center
- Designing a new Community Park
- Designing a new Public Works facility

Each of these projects take time to implement and require a great deal of input, deliberation, and strategy to ensure they have the funding they need. We must look long term when making decisions, which means we are always looking ahead as we determine what is best for the City and our community’s future.

Thank you to the Budget Committee, my fellow City Council members, and our dedicated staff for ensuring we spend local resources wisely and in a manner that advances our community priorities.

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**Publisher’s Note:** Have an idea for a story? We are always on the search for new people, places, and things to write about. If you have an idea for an uplifting story that would benefit the community, then we want to hear from you!

To submit your idea, please send us an email and include as many details as possible, so our publication team can review your story idea. The best stories highlight the spirit and values of the Happy Valley community and showcase meaningful happenings in the lives of residents and local businesses. We invite you to include anecdotes in your story proposal that are funny, astonishing, heartwarming, and inspiring. If we think your story idea is a good fit, our community writer will get in contact with you to discuss the possibility of it being featured in an upcoming issue.

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Working together *City representatives and school principals unite*

City of Happy Valley

On Feb. 26, the City of Happy Valley convened the second of three meetings of the 2024-25 school year which help bring City department representatives together with each of the area’s school principals. The meetings provide an opportunity for City staff to build relationships with local school leaders and discuss relevant happenings.

In addition to principals and City staff, attendees also include representatives from the Happy Valley News, the area’s School Resource Officer, and key leaders from North Clackamas School District. Topics covered include updates



Principals from the City’s local schools met with representatives from the City to discuss topics like traffic safety and youth engagement.

related to capital projects and development in the city, as well as upcoming community program offerings and events that may be of interest to students and teachers. Principals also have an opportunity to share the latest developments at their respective schools. Through these meetings, both entities can help support one another and find ways to work efficiently and in the best interest of the City’s students.

Any principal from a school that serves students in the City of Happy Valley is invited and very much encouraged to attend.

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At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check hv.city 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 hv.city/notifications

- April 1**  
■ **City Council Work Session:** City Hall, 6 p.m.  
■ **City Council Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- April 10**  
■ **Public Art Committee Meeting:** City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- April 15**  
■ **Joint City Council/Parks Advisory Work Session:** City Hall, 6 p.m.  
■ **City Council Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- April 19**  
■ **Friends of Trees Arbor Day & Earth Day event:** (see page 12 for details)
- April 23**  
■ **Happy Valley Business Alliance Meeting:** City Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- April 24**  
■ **Happy Valley Volunteer Fair:** City Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (see page 10 for details)
- April 26**  
■ **Car Care Clinic:** City Hall Parking Lot, sign up for session (see cover page for details)  
■ **Rx Drug Take Back:** City Hall Parking Lot, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (see page 7 for details)
- April 29**  
■ **Rock Creek Middle School Choir performance:** City Hall, 1:30 p.m. (see page 12 for details)
- May 6**  
■ **Joint City Council/Parks Advisory Work Session:** City Hall, 6 p.m.  
■ **City Council Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.  
■ **Parks Advisory Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.

# CLACKAMAS FIRE

## Essential tips to ensure child safety near windows

Clackamas Fire District #1

Annually, thousands of children in the United States receive emergency medical treatment following a fall from a window or balcony. Unfortunately, some of these injuries result in death.



The Window Safety Task Force, founded by the National Safety Council, offers these suggestions to help protect children:

- Teach children to play away from windows.
- Teach caregivers and children that window screens keep bugs out, but they do not keep children in.

- For any windows that are six feet or higher from the ground, install window stops or guards, limiting open windows to no more than four inches.
- Keep windows closed and locked when not in use.
- Keep furniture or anything a child can climb on away from windows.
- Always supervise children and ask about window safety when your child visits other homes.

Lessen the potential impact of injury from a fall through strategic landscaping by using wood chips, grass, or shrubs beneath windows.

The Safety Center at Randall Children's Hospital is the



Ensure your home's windows are safeguarded from falls as children are at most risk for injuries and death.

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## Oregon Military Museum Launches Annual Membership

By EMMA DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

The Oregon Military Museum has officially launched its Annual Membership Program, an important initiative designed to fund the ongoing needs of the museum and support its mission of honoring, educating, and preserving military history in Oregon.

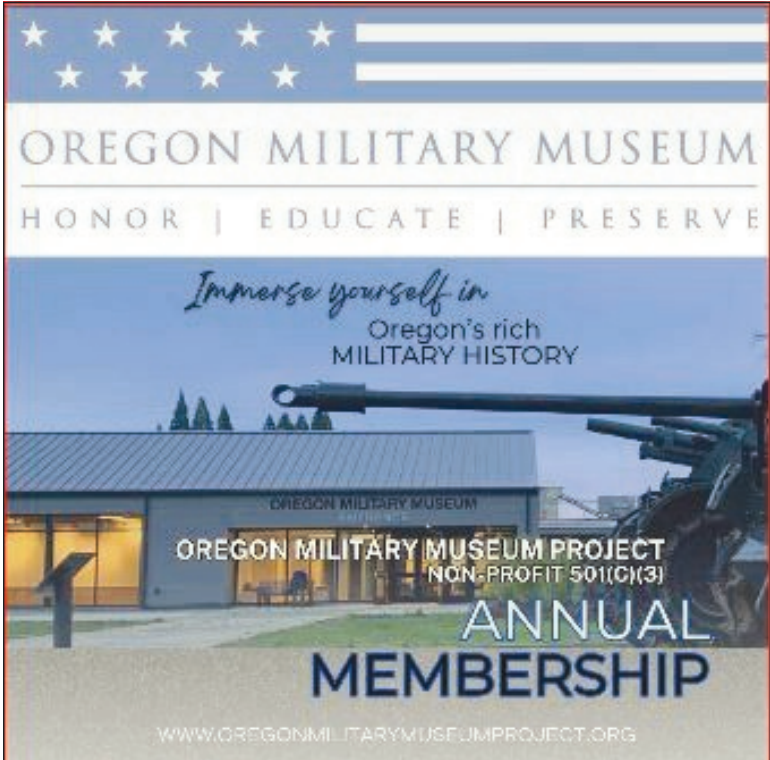
Home to more than 14,000 invaluable artifacts, including rare weapons, historical uniforms, prisoner-of-war relics, and fully restored tracked vehicles, the museum is dedicated to sharing the stories of those who have served. From the heroic

actions of Medal of Honor recipients to the often-overlooked experiences of everyday soldiers, these artifacts provide a unique and powerful insight into our nation's military past.

This year, the museum is focused on securing full funding to open its doors to the public this summer. However, funding needs are ongoing, and efforts are already looking ahead to ensure financial stability for future years.

The new Annual Membership Program offers an opportunity for the community to play an active role in supporting this mission while also gaining access to exclusive benefits. By joining, members become a crucial part of

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YOUTH COUNCIL

Annual Rx Drug Take Back Event

Event to encourage community to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medications

City of Happy Valley

Every year the Happy Valley Youth Council, in conjunction with the nationwide effort led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), gears up for its annual Rx Drug Take Back event in April. This important drop off event gives residents and community members a chance to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medicine cabinet items.

The event not only raises awareness of the dangers of medications getting into the wrong hands, but it also highlights the Youth Council's commitment to encouraging a safe community for all. Too often, unused prescriptions or over-the-counter medications find their way into the wrong hands. This is dangerous and can lead to tragic outcomes. Safe disposal protects our water supply

and keeps drugs out of the hands of unauthorized or recreational users. Since its start, the event has collected well over 5,000 pounds of drug items and has ensured their safe disposal via the support of the event's community partners.

- Rx Drug Take Back
- Saturday, Apr. 26
  - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Happy Valley City Hall

**Missed the event or still have medicines to dispose of?**

A permanent prescription drop-box is located at the Happy Valley Police Department for safe disposal of unwanted or expired prescriptions and medications at 12915 SE King Rd.

For service hours and additional information, head to [hv.city/rx-drop-box](https://hv.city/rx-drop-box).

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Calling All Young Entrepreneurs!

Applications are now open for the 2025 Happy Valley Youth Entrepreneur Program

City of Happy Valley

Attention young creators and future business leaders, the Happy Valley Youth Entrepreneur Program is back and bigger than ever! After a successful launch last summer, this exciting initiative is expanding in 2025, giving kids and teens even more opportunities to showcase and sell their handmade crafts at major community events.

This year, participants will have the chance to set up shop at five popular City events:

- Paws in the Park
- 4th of July Family Festival
- One Summer Concert
- Oktoberfest
- and the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Not only will participants gain hands-on business experience that includes designing products and interacting with customers, but they will also receive an official Happy Valley Business License, a recognition letter from the Mayor, and the chance to connect with local business mentors.

With sponsorship and support

from the Happy Valley Business Alliance, this program provides a unique platform for young entrepreneurs to build confidence, develop essential skills, and engage with the community in a meaningful way. Spots are limited, so don't miss this incredible opportunity. Applications open Apr. 1, and selected participants will be notified the week of May 5 to which event they will be able to participate in. Visit [hv.city/Youth-entrepreneur-program](https://hv.city/Youth-entrepreneur-program) to sign up and kickstart your business journey today!

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Happy Valley Youth Council seeks new members

Applications due May 7

City of Happy Valley

Know a teen who loves to be involved or wants to be an advocate for other teens in our community? Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in filling a vacancy on the Happy Valley Youth Council. The applications must be completed and submitted to City Hall by Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m. Applicants must then be available to attend the May 14 Happy Valley Youth Council meeting at City Hall, where each applicant will participate in a panel interview.

The 12-member Youth Council works to promote a positive influence for their peer group and their community through safety events and participation in many of the City's community events. Any City of Happy Valley resident teen who will be at

The current Youth Council group at last fall's Youth Town Hall event.

Applications for Happy Valley Youth Council vacancies must be received by Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m.

the freshman through senior academic level for the 2025-2026 school year is eligible to apply and serve. Visit [hv.city/youth-council](https://hv.city/youth-council) for the application and more information.

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Museum

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the tier that best fits their level of commitment. Each level comes with unique benefits, such as special access to museum events, behind-the-scenes experiences, and exclusive memorabilia. Five of these levels include an invitation to the much-anticipated Launch Party, a special pre-opening event that promises to be an unforgettable experience. This gathering will provide members with an exclusive first look at the museum's latest exhibits and the opportunity to connect with fellow supporters who share

a passion for military history.

Members will not only enjoy unique perks but also contribute to the long-term success of the museum as it prepares for an impactful 2025 and beyond. This program ensures that the museum can continue its mission of education and remembrance while providing engaging and meaningful experiences for visitors of all ages.

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The importance of sidewalk repair

Responsibilities when it comes to sidewalk safety

City of Happy Valley

Sidewalks offer pedestrians safety, mobility, and help support an active community. That’s why it is so important to maintain your property’s sidewalks and ensure they are free from hazards.

Is the sidewalk adjacent to my house my responsibility?

In short, yes! According to Municipal Code 12.04.090, property owners must maintain the sidewalk adjacent to their property, complete any needed repairs, and clear obstructions. Note: If your property borders a Homeowner Association’s (HOA) open space, the HOA might share or assume the responsibility. Check your HOA agreements or contact your HOA to confirm their obligations. If you neglect to maintain your property’s sidewalk, you could be liable for any accidents or injuries that occur. You could also receive a Code Enforcement citation. Typically, a Community Service Officer will make every effort to discuss an issue with

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Sidewalk concrete that has become disjointed, cracked, broken and uneven is a hazard.

you beforehand as we aim to help support a collaborative resolution.

What contributes to sidewalk damage?

- Natural weathering, such as ice or erosion
- Tree roots pushing up and out of the pavement
- Heavy foot traffic and general wear and tear
- Improper installation or maintenance
- Vehicle accidents or acts of vandalism

Be on the lookout for tripping hazards, concrete that is breaking apart or cracking, and areas that show a tendency toward being unstable. These are all signs a problem may be on the horizon.

What should I do if I need to repair my sidewalk?

- **Get a permit:** Before making a repair, you MUST apply

for a Right of Way permit. If damage is due to a tree and the tree needs to be removed, then a Type A Tree Removal Application is also required. Visit [hv.city/tree-permit](http://hv.city/tree-permit) for more information.

■ **Hire wisely:** The City cannot endorse any business or person for work done on your property, but we highly encourage you to reach out to a professional with experience who can provide proper evaluation and diagnosis. Always seek out reputable professionals who are licensed to do business in Happy Valley.

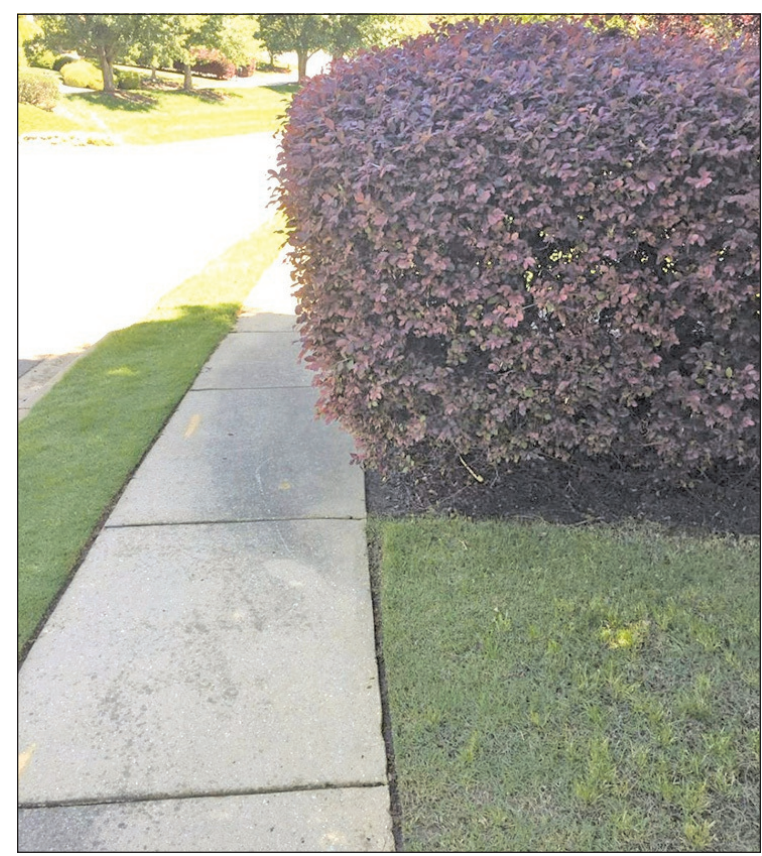
Why keep your sidewalk in tip top shape?

There are some great benefits to maintaining a safe and secure sidewalk. These include enhanced property value, increased curb appeal, and an improved aesthetic which makes the city a more attractive place to live, work, and visit.



◀ Tree roots can sometimes cause concrete to lift and break.

▼ Sidewalks should be free of obstruction and offer a clear line of sight.



Branch out

Overgrown shrubs, tree branches, and other vegetation can obstruct walkways and reduce visibility. Regularly trim and clear vegetation that hangs over or blocks streets, sidewalks, and

traffic signs to ensure safe, clear passage.

By taking the time to ensure your property’s sidewalks are clear and vegetation is under control, you’ll help contribute to a neighborhood that is more accessible for everyone.

Wildfire risk reduction

City launches new safety program

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley is taking proactive steps to reduce wildfire risks through its new Wildfire Risk Reduction Program, funded by a Community Risk Reduction Grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office and the Oregon Department of Forestry. This initiative focuses on minimizing wildfire hazards by removing flammable debris and creating defensible spaces in high-risk green spaces managed

by Homeowners Associations (HOAs).

Happy Valley’s natural beauty comes with an increased risk of wildfires, as seen in 2020 when nearby fires prompted evacuation warnings. Recent extreme weather, including heat waves and storms, has further contributed to the buildup of hazardous vegetation. In response, the City is working with designated high-risk HOAs to implement wildfire prevention measures through community-led clean-up efforts.

Key components of the program include:

■ **Fire Safety Training:** A Wildfire Reduction Specialist from the

Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office will lead training sessions to educate designated HOA members on defensible space strategies and fire prevention techniques.

■ **HOA Clean-Up Days:** The City will organize clean-up events with participating HOAs, providing tools and guidance to help residents clear dry brush, trim overgrown vegetation, and remove invasive plants that increase fire risk. City staff and volunteers will assist with debris removal.

■ **Property Assessments:** City staff have reassessed high-risk HOA green spaces to identify necessary improvements



Join us in safeguarding our community! Discover how the Wildfire Risk Reduction Program can help protect your home.

that align with statewide defensible space standards.

This program is a crucial step in protecting homes

and strengthening community resilience against wildfires. Residents are encouraged to participate and learn more about

how they can contribute to fire safety in their neighborhoods. For further details, visit [hv.city/wildfire-reduction-grant](http://hv.city/wildfire-reduction-grant).

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A Navy destroyer

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# Finding Leadership through Service

*Navy veteran, Horst Jeddeloh, shares his story from his time in the Navy*

By **EMMA DAVIS**  
Staff Reporter

Navy veteran Horst Jeddeloh has experienced a life shaped by both the challenges and opportunities of military service. Born in Delmenhorst, Germany, in 1939, he immigrated to the United States in 1949 with his family and eventually settled in Grants Pass, Oregon.

He joined the U.S. Naval Reserves while still in high school and, after graduating from Oregon State University in 1962, entered active duty in the U.S. Navy as an Ensign. His military career took him through nuclear power training and service aboard a destroyer at Pearl Harbor during the Vietnam War, experiences that would have a lasting impact on both his personal and professional life.

Following his college graduation in 1962 with a degree in engineering, he interviewed for a nuclear power program with Admiral Rickover. “I went to DC and was interviewed by Admiral Rickover, was accepted in the program, and for the first year and a half,” Jeddeloh said. “I think I spent most of my time going to Navy schools, learning about nuclear reactors.”

### California to Hawaii

He attended nuclear power school in Vallejo, CA, for technical training, followed by six months of practical training in Idaho. However, he faced challenges completing the practical portion and was ultimately reassigned. “I couldn’t finish all of the practical program in ‘62, so in the early part of 1963, I was reassigned to the destroyer in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.”



Jeddeloh (center) with his parents in a newspaper article when he moved to Oregon

During his service aboard a World War II-class destroyer stationed in Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, he held several positions. “I was damage control assistant starting out, and then main propulsion assistant, and then the engineering officer at the end,” he said. It was also during his time in Honolulu that he met Linda, who would become his wife in 1966.

This period of service provided him with invaluable leadership experience, particularly as an officer of the deck at such a young age, one that he still reflects on. “I’m running the destroyer or when you were officer of the deck, which means that you are totally responsible for what was happening,” he said. “So, at that age it was quite a lot of responsibility for me or for anybody that does this kind sort of stuff.” In 1966, Jeddeloh officially left the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant.

### Civilian Life

Once home from the Navy, he transitioned to civilian life,

starting with a job at Reynolds Aluminum in Troutdale, Oregon. In 1972 he moved to Germany for a role with Reynolds International, before returning to Portland 2 and a half years later, and working for Pacific Engineering Corporation. In 1976, he co-founded Jeddeloh Hayes Incorporated (JHI), a company he would help lead until his retirement in 2000.

After retiring from engineering and running a 19-year nursery business with his wife, Linda, he now resides at The Springs in Happy Valley. Reflecting on his journey, Horst Jeddeloh credits his Navy experience with shaping his confidence, leadership, and responsibility. “It’s something I didn’t think about until I was out,” he said. “You realize what you have done and what you have accomplished.”

The Navy not only provided him with technical expertise but also built the confidence and responsibility that guided him throughout his life.



**“You realize what you have done and what you have accomplished.”**  
— Horst Jeddeloh

## Highlighting our Heroes

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley would like to recognize our community’s veterans and active military. To do this, Happy Valley News aims to share the story of people in our community who have served or are currently serving in one of our country’s armed forces each month. Stories might focus on your military experience, what you’ve learned from your travels, or anything interesting or inspiring.



The City is encouraging you to reach out to us directly if interested and we additionally welcome nominations from family and friends.

Please contact the City’s Communication Specialist, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov or our Community Writer, Emma Davis at emma.davis@youroregonnews.com

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## Happy Valley Volunteer Fair

Connect with local non-profits

City of Happy Valley

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- Regular volunteer shifts
- Group volunteer projects
- Fundraising opportunities

**Why Attend?**

Discover meaningful ways to contribute to the community and learn how you can become an active volunteer with an organization making a positive impact in the local area.

**Please RSVP**

Although not required, attendees are encouraged to RSVP online at [hv.city/volunteer-fair](http://hv.city/volunteer-fair). Lunch will be hosted by iQ Credit Union!

**Questions?**

Email Halley LeBleu at [Halley.lebleu@iqcu.com](mailto:Halley.lebleu@iqcu.com) for any inquiries.

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# Elementary Students Giving Back

*The students and faculty of Mt. Scott Elementary School holds a community service week, donating necessities to the Wichita Center*

By EMMA DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

Mt. Scott Elementary School’s annual Community Service Week, which ran from March 3rd to March 7th, showed students the power of making a real difference. The initiative was more than just a donation drive; it was a lesson in empathy and community involvement, highlighting that even young students can have a positive impact on their community.

This year’s Community Service Week, each grade at Mt. Scott Elementary collected specific necessities to donate to the Wichita Center, a local resource that helps families in need. “We wanted to kind of kind of collectively do something together with the same purpose in mind,” Principal Jeff Green said. “Teachers and staff came together just really organically and decided each grade is going to focus on a particular need.” Every grade level focused on collecting specific essentials, from dental care items to socks and diapers and once supplies were collected, they were

**“Whether it’s donating clothes or food or any time we do a drive, they just all participate and that’s what makes me the most proud.”**  
— Principal, Jeff Green



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF GREEN  
Mt. Scott Elementary School holds a fundraiser to help those in need in the Happy Valley area

packed and sent directly to local families in need. Throughout Community Service Week, students showed excitement, even those who are more introverted and on the shy side. Unlike other school challenges with incentives, no student asked about a reward; everyone was motivated only by a desire to help others. “Not one kid had come up to me or a staff member and said, ‘what’s our prize’ or ‘what’s our incentive or reward?’,” Green said. “They just know that the reward is helping people and it’s a great thing.” In the past, students have written letters to first

responders and seniors, spreading joy in the way kids are so naturally good at doing. Whether through prior efforts or this year’s donation drive, students enjoyed the opportunity to make a big impact in their own community. The project connected to the school’s social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum, focusing on empathy, responsibility, and community awareness. By participating in the donation drive, students saw how their actions could help others. “Within [the social-emotional learning] curriculum is community,” Green said. “Having kids understand their part



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF GREEN  
Students from Mrs. Erb’s kindergarten class collecting items for the drive

of the community and that kids can make a difference, just like adults can.” Working together to gather and deliver products emphasized the significance of teamwork and caring for others. This year’s Community Service Week at Mt. Scott Elementary proved to be a success, showing the values of empathy community engagement among students. The event demonstrated how, despite

their diverse backgrounds, the school came together with a shared commitment to help their community. “We celebrate diversity...all of our kids, no matter what their backgrounds, are all interested in giving and don’t hesitate to step up” he said. “Whether it’s donating clothes or food or any time we do a drive, they just all participate and that’s what makes me the most proud.”



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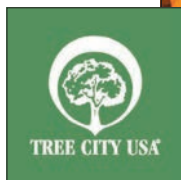


# Celebrating green spaces! | *Happy Valley to recognize Earth Day and Arbor Day at upcoming volunteer event*

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley is fortunate to have a great partner in Friends of Trees, a local organization dedicated to inspiring interest in our urban forests by bringing people together to plant and care for trees and natural areas. For well over a decade, multiple community plantings and tree care events have been held in Happy Valley every year. These activities aim to improve water quality and habitats for wildlife, and have been instrumental in helping maintain our flourishing greenspaces and parks.

While Earth Day is officially Apr. 22 and Arbor Day is Apr. 25, here in Happy Valley we are celebrating this designation on Apr. 19 with a special project



**Sign up ahead of time to take part in Village Green Steward event on Saturday, Apr. 19.**

that commemorates both. Just one of several springtime tree care events, the occasion serves to shed light on the benefits of trees and encourage the community to take an active role in their care.

## Special Arbor Day/ Earth Day Event!

■ **When:** Saturday, Apr. 19,  
8:45 a.m. – noon

■ **Where:** Village Green Park,  
13786 SE Sieben Park Way

■ Celebrate Arbor Day and

Earth Day by mulching hundreds of native trees and shrubs that were planted this past winter. Please note: Activities for this project are considered more physically demanding and are great for folks looking for a light workout.

To sign up for this Friends of Trees event, register online at [hv.city/FOT-events](http://hv.city/FOT-events). These volunteer events are a fun way for families, service groups, or individuals to get outside and help improve their local natural area. Friends of Trees will provide tools and gloves, and guide volunteers throughout the event.

## Other ways the City makes trees a priority

The City has a robust tree replacement requirement and tree permits are required for any type of tree removal. Additionally, if a developer is dividing land, the City requires the developer complete a Planned Unit Development

(PUD) if more than 10% of the site is in environmentally constrained areas. This ensures a minimum of 20% of the final site contains open space, which in turn results in more preservation of natural areas compared to traditional subdivisions found in other cities.

To further ensure that Happy Valley's tree canopy remains healthy, the City spent \$4.11 per capita on urban forestry in 2024. Things like tree pruning, tree maintenance, plantings, and removal of hazardous trees on City property are covered by these funds. These efforts help curb erosion, aid in stormwater management, create cleaner air, and even boost property values.



# RCMS Choir performance at City Hall

City of Happy Valley

On Tuesday, Apr. 29 at 1:30 p.m., the Rock Creek Middle School (RCMS) choir will be performing at City Hall. This special event is a wonderful opportunity for the community to support our talented local students.

The performance will be brief, lasting only 15-20 minutes. Your presence and encouragement mean a lot to these young performers. We welcome and encourage everyone to attend and show their support for the students at Rock Creek Middle School.



**Consider stopping by City Hall on Apr. 29 to enjoy a live performance by the students of RCMS Choir.**

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# HV Farmer's Market season almost here

The anticipated community favorite returns starting May 3rd

By EMMA DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

Spring is right around the corner, and with it comes the much-anticipated return of the Happy Valley Farmers Market! Now entering its 14th season, the market continues to be a beloved gathering place where the community can shop for fresh, locally sourced foods while enjoying a fun and welcoming atmosphere.

The market will be open every Saturday, starting on May 3 through Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sunnyside Church, offering visitors a perfect weekend destination for fresh produce, delicious food, and family-friendly fun.

### Here are some things to look forward to:

#### An Expanded Selection of Local Goods and Fresh Products

This year, the market is expanding its selection of



The Happy Valley Farmer's Market is always a hit in the spring through summer months

local farms, fresh-made products, and specialty foods, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy. Shoppers can look forward to a delicious variety of local honey, meats, eggs, jams, pickles, salsa, fresh vegetables, seasonal fruits, pies, artisan breads, and much more. The addition of new vendors will further enhance the experience, introducing exciting new flavors and handcrafted items to the mix.

#### More Family-Friendly Activities & Community Support

Beyond the wide selection of fresh and local foods, the Happy Valley Farmers Market is dedicated to creating a family-friendly atmosphere where visitors of all ages can enjoy the experience. This season will include more activities for children and families.

The market is also committed to ensuring fresh food access for all. The SNAP/

DUFB (Double Up Food Bucks) program will once again be available, allowing customers to redeem their benefits at the Information Booth and receive a match of up to \$20 to use towards farm-fresh foods.

#### A Full Year of Markets & Special Events

While the main market runs through October, the excitement doesn't stop there! The Harvest Market in November

#### 2025 SEASON:

**WHEN:** Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., May 3-Oct. 25

**WHERE:** 132nd and Sunnyside Road

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and the Holiday Market in December will bring seasonal delights and festive shopping opportunities, leading into the Winter Market starting in January.

As the Happy Valley Farmers Market embarks on another season, El-Khal expressed deep appreciation for the unwavering support from the community, the city, Sunnyside Church, and the vendors who made the market such a great success.

"This is not just a market; it's a celebration of local culture, community, and creativity," owner and founder, Jamie El-Khal said. "We can't wait to share this season with you!"

For the latest updates, a full list of vendors, or to apply as a vendor yourself, visit [www.sunnysidefarmersmarkets.com](http://www.sunnysidefarmersmarkets.com).



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# Compassionate Care for Better Sleep and Health

*Mt. Scott ENT & Sleep Medicine offers services focused on personalized, patient-centered care*

By **EMMA DAVIS**  
Staff Reporter

Mt. Scott ENT and Sleep Medicine has been providing complete ear, nose, throat, and sleep medicine services for more than two decades. Originally established in 1998 as Eastmoreland Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic, the practice has grown under new ownership with a focus on innovative, patient-centered care.

Dr. Aleen Lee, a skilled otolaryngologist with a passion for improving patients' quality of life, heads the clinic alongside a talented team of specialists. Mt. Scott ENT provides a wide range of therapies, from pediatric to geriatric care, including sleep apnea treatments,



hearing aids, allergy therapy, and surgical procedures, all in a family-friendly environment that values trust, compassion, and expertise.

"We treat sleep disordered breathing problems," Dr. Lee said. "So, primarily people who are having obstructive sleep apnea." For patients needing surgical intervention for any ENT issue, Mt. Scott ENT provides minimally invasive procedures as well as advanced treatments designed to improve quality of life.

Sleep apnea and related problems are frequently overlooked in general practice, while



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The expert physicians at Mt. Scott Ear, Nose and Throat & Sleep Medicine

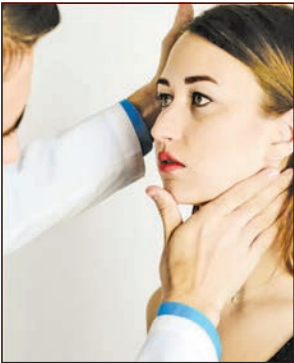
**"We focus on quality care, and we're able to adapt and adjust quickly."**

— Dr. Aleen Lee

playing an important role in a person's overall health. Addressing these difficulties can greatly improve a patient's quality of life by relieving symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, and irritability, while also improving restful sleep and lowering the risk of major illnesses like heart disease, high blood pressure,

and diabetes.

Dr. Aleen Lee and Dr. James Chan lead the Mt. Scott ENT and Sleep Medicine team, providing excellent, patient-centered treatment. The diverse team of ENT specialists promotes a family-oriented practice where patient needs come first. "We focus on quality care, and



The physicians are committed to providing patient centered and quality care

we're able to adapt and adjust quickly," she said. "I think that gives us a lot of flexibility."

At Mt. Scott ENT, patient-centered care is at the heart of everything they do. The team is committed to treating each patient like family, offering the kind of care they would want for their own loved ones. "If you call in and speak to anybody, you notice that everyone here cares about giving the care that they would want," she said.

What's most rewarding is witnessing the positive impact on patients' lives, from life-saving interventions to restoring essential functions like hearing and breathing. Beyond the treatments, building meaningful relationships with patients and their families adds a personal touch that larger facilities often lack, ensuring that every patient receives the best care possible.

Looking ahead, Mt. Scott ENT and Sleep Medicine remains committed to expanding their services and continuing their focus on improving patient outcomes and community health. As they adapt to the evolving needs of their patients, the practice plans to integrate even more advanced technologies and treatments, while maintaining the personalized, compassionate care that has become their staple.

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# From Elite Trainers to Driven Members

*Snap Fitness offers Personal Training, 24/7 access, student memberships & more*

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
For Happy Valley News

Amongst the community of niche workout facilities within Happy Valley stands Snap Fitness, a fitness juggernaut that sets the stage for both personal performance and accomplishing health goals. Snap, located at Sunnyside Village and neighboring Grocery Outlet, leads by example when it comes to servicing a melting pot of the community’s workout needs by building a team that’s as diverse in their fitness endeavors as they are experienced.

At the helm of this amazing team at Snap is General Manager Robin Morse and Fitness Director Gavin Hamblin, both inspired by early results during Snap’s relatively fresh start at this larger location but driven to continue growing the team, their gym, and its community.

“Snap was able to take over this former B-Fit location after COVID,” says Morse.

“We took over the existing training department, Lighthouse, and it’s been phenomenal when it comes to member appreciation and results,” added Hamblin.

Both sharing fitness backgrounds that are as extensive as they are impressive, Morse and Hamblin echo just how important it was in forming the right team of personal trainers to service the Happy Valley community.

“Building a great personal training department who take really good care of their clients



Meet the Team: General Manager Robin Morse and Fitness Director Gavin Hamblin

and have played a part in their success is so rewarding,” says Hamblin. “It’s so many people getting impacted in an amazing way.”

“Why kind of luckily fell into this great diverse team,” adds Morse. “We always set up our clients with the trainers that will best meet their needs and, thankfully, we have so many trainers with different specialties, experiences, and strengths so we’re very well rounded.”

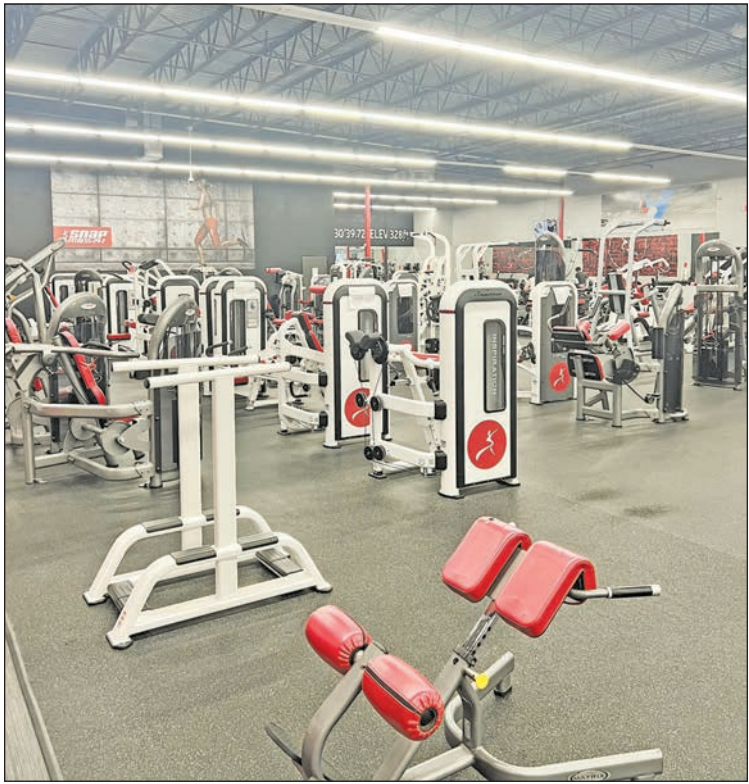
Snap Fitness, which offers its members 24/7 access, is really the only local gym that offers everything, including but not limited to personal training, group classes, free weights, InBody scanning, functional as well as strength training, heavy

weights, cardio equipment, and so much more.

“We have something for everybody when it comes to getting the workout you’re looking for,” says Morse.

“We just got new ellipticals plus a leg press as well as a hip thrust,” says Hamblin. “We also recently got a free motion cable machine which you can’t get enough of. We’re constantly updating and evolving.”

It’s clear that the team at Snap Fitness is as committed to building a functional yet empowering environment as they are the people who inhabit it, which is why you should consider checking out Snap via a free one-day trial and see what it’s all about.



Iron Paradise: No excuses allowed

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Snap Fitness: Enter mean, leave lean

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“We offer student memberships, one year contracts, family contracts, month-to-month contracts, etc,” says Morse. “We want people to come in and get healthy so we really work with the client to achieve their goals.”

“We’re like the ‘Cheers’ of the fitness community where everybody knows your name here,” jokes Hamblin. “It’s so positive out here with great people and better energy. It’s what makes us successful along with our team.”

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**Benefits of joining the Design Review Board include:**

- Influencing the design of new developments and improvements within Happy Valley.
- Collaborating with fellow community members and professionals in the field.
- Contributing your expertise to ensure projects meet safety and quality standards.
- Making a lasting impact on the visual appeal and functionality of our city.

Design Review Board meetings are scheduled as needed based on development applications. Currently, no meetings are scheduled. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved without having to make a significant commitment.

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# Take Care of the Earth & Each Other

## April Things to Do in Happy Valley

By EMMA DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

April may bring showers, but it also brings plenty of chances to take care of both our community and our planet. With Earth Day on April 22 and National Volunteer Month in full swing, it's the perfect time to lend a hand—whether that means helping a neighbor, planting something new, or just soaking in the beauty of Happy Valley.

If you're looking for ways to give back this month, there are plenty of opportunities. On the third Friday of every month, the Salvation Army Portland Tabernacle-Clackamas hosts a Free Food Market, where volunteers can help bag produce, box food, and distribute supplies to those in need. Over at Clackamas County Senior Services, you can sign up to assist with their free ride-share program or offer companionship to older adults who need a helping hand. And if you want to make sure everyone in the community gets a hot meal, Meals on Wheels People is always looking for volunteers to deliver food or help out at their dining centers.

Additionally, iQ Credit Union is holding a volunteer fair, providing opportunities for the community to seek out volunteer options.

For those who want to celebrate Earth Day by getting their hands a little dirty, Friends of Trees is hosting a Village Green Park Stewardship event on April 19, where volunteers will help mulch native trees and shrubs planted over the winter. Or, if you'd rather spend



Take advantage of the many volunteer opportunities in Happy Valley this month



Take a hike in one of Happy Valley's favorite hiking spots

the day just enjoying nature, Mount Talbert Nature Park and Scouters Mountain offer peaceful trails and gorgeous views, while Hidden Falls Nature Park is perfect for a short walk to a tucked-away waterfall.

If you'd rather bring nature to you, Happy Valley Nursery is the go-to spot for trees, flowers, and garden supplies. And for those who want to capture the beauty of the season in a different way, Venvino Art Studios

is offering two spring-inspired painting classes: Mt. Hood in Spring on April 5 and a palette knife floral workshop on April 26.

No matter how you spend it—volunteering, hiking, painting, or just taking a moment to breathe in the fresh spring air—April is the perfect time to slow down, appreciate the world around you, and do a little something to take care of the place we all call home.

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# The Power Behind Stories

National Tell a Story Day encourages stories, reading and imagination

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
for the Happy Valley News

April 27 marks National Tell a Story Day, where community members of all ages are encouraged to share stories with family and friends, read from a book, or even create one from your own imagination.

Of the many benefits associated with telling and reading stories, some of the more impactful ones are developing essential social and literacy skills, like listening and reading.

Embracing the world of stories can foster creativity and visualization while also presenting scenarios, either through characters, journeys, or lessons that can help an individual develop traits such as empathy.

However, while reading and telling stories can impact us on deep levels, the most important part of National Tell a Story Day is to have fun.

### Local Storytime

Luckily, when it comes to reading and engaging in stories that we too may share based on personal experience, there is a wonderful place that embraces these adventures through both individual reading and group Storytime — the Happy Valley Library.

To learn more about these wonderful services, the HVN spoke with Lisa Taylor, Youth Librarian at the Happy Valley Library.

Stories can ultimately come from anywhere, from the page to passed down memories to personal experiences.

“We offer storytimes for babies, toddlers, and young children along with their grownups in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese,” says Taylor. “Our Storytimes are lively and interactive. We share stories, puppets, rhymes, and songs. There’s also movement and play incorporated into our storytimes.”

“We want caregivers and children to feel welcome, have fun, and develop a love for reading and books,” Taylor continued.

Taylor also discussed her own experience working within the world of books and stories.

“Our library is very active,” says Taylor. “We really work hard to engage with children in what they’re interested in. They feel very empowered that this is **THEIR** library and we love getting to know the kids and families in the community. It’s welcoming to all.”

When discussing National Tell a Story Day, Taylor shared the successful evolution of Storytime at the library.

“Weekly I do a toddler storytime and a preschool storytime,” says Taylor. “They are half an hour long and are both lively and interactive. There’s singing, puppets, rhymes, etc. They’re also developmentally



Community within stories: Families enjoy Chinese Storytime with Kenny at Happy Valley Library!

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appropriate so we have different tricks we do depending on age. These kids feel welcome while also developing a love for reading and stories.”

Stories can ultimately come from anywhere, from the page or passed down memories to personal experiences. That’s the true spirit of Tell a Story Day, to engage with others and find a connection based on the things you’ve read or the experiences you’ve lived.

Whether it be individually in the corner of the library where you can read a story and place it in the back pocket of your brain for future use to sitting in a room with other curious minds while one is being read aloud, the power of stories is



A story for everyone: Karen shares a book during Vietnamese storytime at Happy Valley Library

that they help people connect, learn, and become inspired. To discover more about Storytime and the Happy Valley Library, please visit: [go.linncc.org/hvstcal](https://go.linncc.org/hvstcal)

## Clackamas Rotary Foundation to hold 33rd Annual Golf Classic

Annual tournament has raised more than \$750,000 over the past 30 years

Courtesy Clackamas Rotary Foundation

The Clackamas Rotary Foundation, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Clackamas, will hold its 33rd Annual Clackamas Rotary Golf Classic on Friday, June 27, 2025, at Stone Creek Golf Club.

Every year the tournament raises thousands of dollars for local charities.

Half of the net proceeds are distributed to local nonprofits that have been selected as tournament recipients. The four non-profit organizations who were selected as 2025 tournament recipients are:

- **The Children’s Course:** a non-profit funded by private donations from foundations, corporations, and individuals and home to the First Tee — Greater Portland.
- **SMART Reading:** is focused on kids and powered by volunteers. With one-on-one reading practice and free books to keep, we directly help each young reader and deliver long-term benefits statewide by



Participants ready to tee off at past Clackamas Rotary Golf Classics


building literacy in each community.

- **The Clackamas Bookshelf:** provides free books to low-income children in Clackamas County, with the understanding that widespread access to books offers positive, long-term benefits to our entire community.
- **Youth Era:** is committed to helping young adults empower themselves and successfully transition into adulthood. It provides a safe space to hang out, get a meal and a sense of stability in a world

that feels unpredictable at times.

The remaining net proceeds are used by the Clackamas Rotary Foundation’s Endowment Fund to fund projects and crisis needs in our community and around the world.

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#### Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival & St. Joseph's Winery

Apr. 11, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 21+ • \$45-Resident / \$67.50 - Non-Resident

Experience the beauty of millions of blooming tulips at this annual celebration of spring. Enjoy a serene garden stroll and capture stunning photos in the colorful tulip fields! Then, treat yourself to a wine tasting amidst beautiful surroundings at St. Joseph's Winery.

#### Tom McCall Trail Wildflower Hike

Apr. 25, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+ \$15-Resident / \$22.50-Non-Resident

The Tom McCall Point Trail offers exceptional views of the Columbia Gorge as well as Mount Adams and Mount Hood. When the spring wildflowers are in bloom, a paved overlook near the top of the high bluffs offers one of the most stunning vistas in the Gorge! Bring lunch or save your appetite for our pit stop at Ferment Brewing in Hood River on the way back to town.

#### Salmon River Trail Hike

May 9, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+ \$15-Resident / \$22.50-Non-Resident

Join us in hiking a 5-mile section of the beautiful Salmon River Trail outside Welches. This stunning trail rambles along the pristine Salmon River through lush old growth forest in the Huckleberry-Salmon Wilderness on Mt. Hood. Pack a picnic or save your appetite for lunch at Barlow Trail Roadhouse after our hike.

#### Car Care Clinic

Location: Happy Valley City Hall – 16000 SE Misty Dr.



Saturday, Apr. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

FREE – Register for 1.5hr timeslot

All licensed drivers are welcome. Permitted drivers may accompany a licensed driver. Open to community residents. Participants will drive their own car through four different stations, learning about everything from tires and fluid checks to lights and road safety. Participants should anticipate completing all four stations in 1.5 hours. \*Pre-registration REQUIRED online at hv.city/car-care-clinic

#### Best Buddies – Community Information Session

Location: Happy Valley Library – 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

May 29, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Thursday • FREE • All Ages

We are partnering with Best Buddies, a nonprofit that creates opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This informational session is the perfect opportunity to learn more about Best Buddies' mission, programs, and how you can get involved in fostering meaningful friendships, school programs, and leadership development opportunities for people with IDD. Join us to learn how to contribute to a more inclusive community. \*A dedicated breakout space will also be available for kids and anyone who may need a quieter, sensory-friendly area during the session.

#### First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Location: Happy Valley City Hall – 16000 SE Misty Dr.

Apr. 4, 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 15+

Resident \$70 / Non-Resident \$105

Our in-person CPR/First Aid Training course combines lectures with hands-on skills sessions. Students will learn how to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. \*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

#### Babysitter Training Course

Location: Happy Valley City Hall – 16000 SE Misty Dr.

##### Babysitter Training

Apr. 14, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. • Monday • 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 lectures and class activities, these courses are engaging, informative and fun. Topics covered include: Basic Care for Infants and Children, Basic First Aid, Child Behavior, Age-Appropriate Activities, Emergency Protocols, Professionalism, Leadership, and Growing Your Business. \*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

##### Financial Classes

Location: Happy Valley Library - 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

##### Budgeting Basics

Apr. 10, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • Thursday • Ages 18+ • \$49

\* bring a member of your household for FREE

So, you're trying to get ahead with your finances (aren't we all?) and you just can't seem to level up and get that debt paid off, that amount of money in your savings fund or enough dropped into your retirement account. You might benefit from a B-U-D-G-E-T. That's right - not a 4-letter word, but a 5-letter word that is foundational to your money management. Sarah VanHoose from Journey to Influence can help you learn the basics of building a budget that you can actually stick to! \*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

#### Astronomy Classes

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex - 12915 SE King Rd.

##### Astronomy II: Stars and Galaxies

Mar. 17 - May. 5, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. • Monday • Ages 16+ • \$100

Join Derek Sears, an Emeritus professor and NASA scientist, for an exciting 8-week course on astronomy. Learn about the stars, the Earth, and the universe in this interactive class that includes lecture, conversation, and stargazing. No prior astronomy knowledge required. Content will focus on the stars and galaxies. \*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org



#### Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness

Classes are held virtually.

Affiliated with Providence Heart Institute, Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness programs offer free movement and education classes so that everyone can live their best, healthiest lives. Take the next step and register for FREE today!



##### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Beginners)

Tuesday/Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. • FREE

This introductory class welcomes those wishing to learn the initial forms of the Tai Chi practice with a desire to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichibeginners

##### Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • FREE

Participants will build upon their knowledge from our Tai Chi Beginners class and continue to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichi

##### Chair Yoga

Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • FREE

A wonderful chair-based yoga practice for those who prefer to stretch and move their bodies while staying off the floor. Classes combine gentle movement and intentional breath in both seated and standing poses. www.welcometobasecamp.org/chairyoga

##### Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. • FREE

The practice of gentle yoga combines mindful movement and breath with standing, seated, and restful floor-based practices to nourish the body, mind, and heart. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichi

#### Bird Walks

##### Backyard Bird Shop Spring Walks

Thursday, Apr. 10, 10 a.m.-noon

Scouter's Mountain Nature Park

Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. – Mt. Talbert Nature Park - Saturday

FREE \*Registration Required. • Ages 10+ \*Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Join Backyard Bird Shop in celebrating Spring with our feathered friends on a guided trail walk with naturalist Elaine Murphy. Learn how to discover local wildlife using both sight and sounds.



#### Birdy Bungalow Build

Location: Scouter's Mountain Nature Park – 11000 SE Honorable Way

May 16, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • Friday • \$20 • All Ages \*Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Join us for a creative workshop where you can build and decorate a birdhouse while learning about the species of birds that call Happy Valley home. Children 8 years old and younger FREE with a registered adult, and will get to decorate their own craft birdhouse.

#### My Gym in The Park!

Location: Happy Valley Park - 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.



##### Eggstravaganza 2025

Apr. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. • Saturday •

Ages 6 months to 10 years • \$20

Join us at Happy Valley City Park gazebo for our annual Eggstravaganza in the park! This intimate event will feature spring-themed songs, dances, relays, games, and puppets, finished off with an egg hunt. All eggs will be pre-filled with non-food items. Registration is required as capacity is limited to 16 kids per time slot.

#### Soccer Shots Clinics

Location: Happy Valley Park - 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd



##### Soccer-Mini

Thursdays, Mar. 20 – May 29, 3:30

p.m.-4 p.m. • ages 2-3

Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17, 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. • ages 2-3

\$210

This high-energy program introduces children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling, and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

##### Soccer-Classic

Thursdays, Mar. 20 – May 29, 4:15 p.m.-4:50 p.m. • ages 3-4

Thursdays, Mar. 20 – May 29, 5:05 p.m.-5:45 p.m. • ages 4-5

Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17, 3:55 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • ages 3-4

Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17, 3 p.m.-3:40 p.m. • ages 4-5

\$220

This clinic uses 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

Thursdays, Mar. 20 – May 29, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • ages 5-6

Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17, 2 p.m.-2:45 p.m. • ages 5-6

\$230

This program 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.

#### Skyhawks

##### Sports Camps

See online listing for program location.



##### SoccerTots

CUBS: Wednesdays, Apr. 2 – Apr. 30, 3:30 p.m.-4:10 p.m. • \$69 • Ages 2-3

BEARS: Wednesdays, Apr. 2 – Apr. 30, 4:20 p.m.-5 p.m. • \$69 • Ages 4-5

This program enhances motor skills and self-confidence with engaging activities that focus on



developing core soccer skills and introducing friendly competition. Parent participation is required for ages 3.5 years and younger.

##### Soccer

Ages 6-12 • Wednesdays, Apr. 2 – Apr. 30, 5:10 p.m.-6:10 p.m. • \$69

This program boosts young athletes by teaching key skills like dribbling, passing, shooting, and ball control. Each session focuses on enhancing core skills while instilling teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants will improve their soccer abilities and embrace the game's spirit.

##### BaseballTots

Batters: Saturdays, Apr. 5 – Apr. 26, 9 a.m.-9:40 a.m. • \$69 • Ages 2-3

Hitters: Saturdays, Apr. 5 – Apr. 26, 9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • \$69 • Ages 4-5

These classes focus on developing motor skills and baseball basics like throwing, catching, hitting, and running. It's all about fun, skill development, and creating memorable moments. Parent participation is required.

##### Baseball

Ages 6-12 • Saturdays, Apr. 5 – Apr. 26, 10:40 a.m.-11:40 a.m. • \$69

This program teaches young sluggers essential skills like fielding, catching, and hitting, all while fostering teamwork and responsibility. Each fun-packed session aims to develop athletic prowess and character.

##### Tennis

Thursdays, May 1 – May 29, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$75 • ages 6-8

Thursdays, May 1 – May 29, 4:40 p.m.-5:40 p.m. • \$75 • ages 9-12

This program elevates tennis skills by focusing on the techniques of forehand, backhand and scoring while utilizing practice sessions and match play to develop consistent, well-rounded players. Each session also fosters personal growth, emphasizing sportsmanship and perseverance.

##### HoopstersTots

Grasshoppers: Saturdays, May 3 – May 31, 9 a.m.-9:40 a.m. • \$75 • Ages 2-3

Kangaroos: Saturdays, May 3 – May 31, 9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • \$75 • Ages 4-5

This fun program focuses on dribbling, shooting, passing, and teamwork using adjustable hoops for age-appropriate challenges. Parent participation is required.

##### Basketball

Ages 6-12 • Saturdays, May 3 – May 31, 10:40 a.m.-11:40 a.m. • \$75

Perfect for developing athletes, this program sharpens passing, shooting, and dribbling skills, emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants develop defensive and rebounding abilities in a dynamic setting that promotes personal and athletic growth.

#### Kidokinetics

Location: Pleasant Valley Villages Park - 12254 SE Falling Rain Way



##### Sportsplay Clinic

Apr. 6 – June 1, 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. (no class

Apr. 20 • Sunday • Ages 3-7 • \$89/

month, or \$178 total

A fun introduction to sports designed to help kids get moving and build confidence! Each week features a warm up, an introduction to a new sport or activity, free play, cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.

##### Ninjablay Agility

Thursdays, Apr. 10 – May 15, 5 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. • ages 3-6 • \$135

During NinjaPlay, kids develop skills around stability, agility, balance, jump distance and more. Every class is designed for optimal skill development and optimal FUN! Each week features a warm up, sport-specific skills and drills, free play, cool down and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.



#### The Y

Location: Sunnyside Grange - 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd.



##### Art Exploration

Mondays, Mar. 31 – May 5, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. • Ages 6-12 • Cost \$220

Art comes in any shape, sound, texture, size, etc. you can think of! This class will allow participants to play with different mediums and explore which speaks to them!

##### Cooking Around the Globe

Tuesdays, Apr. 1 – May 6, 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. • Ages 6-12 • Cost \$220

Participants will be exploring cultural foods from around the world, whilst learning more about each country and why this meal is important to them. They will also have the opportunity to create connections between their own traditions and the communities they engage with in this course.

#### Venvino Art Studios – In-Studio Classes

Location: Venvino Art Studios - 13329 SE Misty Drive.



##### Create and Learn Series – Textile Art

Apr. 13, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. • Sunday • Ages 12+ • \$35

In this class, students will dive into the art of textile and yarn painting, exploring how to use yarns and fabrics to create textured, visually striking artworks. Students will learn techniques to transform simple materials into vibrant, tactile pieces.

##### Create and Learn Series – Acrylic Painting Technique

May 18, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. • Sunday • Ages 12+ • \$35

This course will introduce students to fundamental acrylic painting techniques. They will learn how to work with different brush types, layering methods, and color mixing to enhance their paintings.



#### Sweet Lomy Art Workshops

Location: Happy Valley Library - 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

##### Fused Glass Flowers and Garden Stakes

Apr. 8, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Tuesday • Ages 13+ • \$55

Bring everlasting blooms to your garden, flowerpots, or home with this vibrant and creative fused glass workshop. Whether you're a garden enthusiast or simply love the beauty of handmade art, this class offers a delightful opportunity to craft colorful, one-of-a-kind glass flowers that will brighten any space year-round.

##### Fused Glass Garden Bugs

May 28, 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. • Wednesday • Ages 13+ • \$55

Transform your garden, fence, or home into a colorful haven with beautiful, handmade glass bugs. In this engaging and creative workshop, you'll craft delightful butterflies, buzzing bees, elegant dragonflies, or other whimsical insect designs using vibrant layered glass and copper wire.

#### Tippi Toes Dance Classes



See program descriptions for locations.

##### Baby Ballet

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd. • Mondays, Mar. 17 - June 2 • 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Location: Sunnyside Grange - 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd • Tuesdays, Mar. 18 – June 3 • 9:30am - 10:15am

Ages 2-4 • \$225

In this class, children will explore music, movement, balance, and basic dance steps in a welcoming and upbeat atmosphere. Designed for children to engage independently, parents won't be joining them on the dance floor. Instructors will ensure a lively and positive experience, keeping the music and curriculum flowing.

##### Ballet, Tap & Jazz

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.

Tuesdays, Mar. 18 - June 3, 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m. • Ages 3-5

Tuesdays, Mar. 18 - June 3, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 6-8

\$225

Three types of dance are incorporated during class time using high-energy music. Students learn choreography to multiple dances throughout the year and get to show off their moves at recital time. Original music separates Tippi Toes® dance classes from all the rest and fun is guaranteed! Students will be grouped by age.

##### Toddler and Me

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd. Mar. 20 - June 5, 5 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. • Thursday • Ages 1.5 - 3 • \$225

This class includes mom, dad, or another caretaker participating along with the little dancer. Teachers keep the music & curriculum moving while parents actively encourage, support, and keep little dancers on track.



#### The Clayhouse Potters

Location: The Clayhouse Potters Workshop – 19860 SE Borges Road, Damascus, OR



##### Introduction to Pottery Series – Wheel Work or Hand-Building

Saturdays, Apr. 12 – May 3, 10 a.m. - noon • Ages 18+ • \$185 •

limit: 4 students for wheel work, 6 students for hand-building

Experience the joy and fun of playing in the mud! We provide the clay, tools, textures, stamps, and designs. Come up with your own idea or choose a project sample to try. You will learn all you need to know to create your first pottery piece, from holding your first lump of clay to glazing your finished pieces.

##### Thursday Night Two-Fers

Thursday, Apr. 10, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • ages: 18 +

Thursday, Apr. 24, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • ages: 18 +

\$90 per pair

Looking for a fun night out with a friend or partner? Join us for an evening of clay play, where you can try your hand at hand-building or experience the pottery wheel. All materials will be provided. At the end of the class, you'll choose a glaze for your finished piece to be fired.

#### Northwest Fly Fishing Outfitters

##### Introduction to Fly Fishing

Classroom Session Location: Happy Valley Library - 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

On-River Session Location: Carver Park - 14888 S Springwater Rd, Oregon City

\$100 registration fee, includes 1 class session





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**APRIL 2025 LIBRARY EVENTS**

For the latest updates on closures and hours of operation, please visit [go.lincc.org/hvupdates](http://go.lincc.org/hvupdates).

**Maria Fe Picar Spotlight**

When Maria Fe Picar moved from California to Happy Valley, Oregon, she fell in love with the area. “There is so much that is offered, especially to children and families,” shared Maria, adding “and I love libraries because reading is one of my hobbies along with baking, gardening, and art!” These are passions she’s explored not just through her teaching, but also as a member of several non-profit boards and a filmmaker.

With her background in dance and yoga, it was only natural for her to approach Program Coordinator Anna Bruce with an idea to share her passion with the library. “From the beginning, Maria has been a fantastic fit for our community,” commented Anna, “bringing a playful exploration of movement and music to families.”

While Maria has been teaching classes in Milwaukie and Oregon City for the last three years, that follows almost twenty years of teaching at her own dance and performing arts studio in California. “I feel I am helping people and at the same time I can use my creativity to explore other options of how to present my classes,” reflected Maria. “As a teacher you are always learning from your students as much as they learn from you.”

Maria continues her own learning, recently



Movement instructor Maria Fe Picar brings her joy to students of all ages.

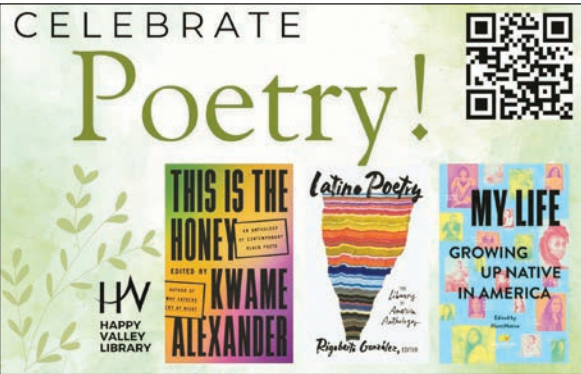
receiving a Chair Yoga Certification from Mind and Body Purposeful Institute. This month you can see Maria in action during her regular monthly program On the Move for 2–5-year-olds, Thursday, Apr. 17 at 10:15 a.m., and at a special Introduction to Chair Yoga on Thursday, Apr. 24 at 10:30 a.m. (registration required).

**April is National Poetry Month!**

April is National Poetry Month, an occasion to celebrate poets and poetry, and to mark poetry’s importance in our lives. The Happy Valley Library has a few options to celebrate.

Check out a poetry book – Find novels in verse and poetry titles for children and adults to explore, recite, and share with friends through our booklists.

Add to the Poet-Tree! – During the month of April, pick up a leaf and write a short poem to add to our display in the library.



Get inspired, soothe your soul, or play with words during National Poetry Month.

**It’s Story Time: The Tavan Family**

When they moved to Happy Valley, one of the first stops for the Tavan family was the Library. “We’ve been visiting since Noah was one year old,” shared mom Sylvie, remembering their regular visits to storytime.

Now even with a busy tween schedule of Taekwondo and soccer, the Tavan family still makes time for the library. Noah checks out everything from fiction to non-fiction, magazines to manga. In addition to all the things to check out, the family also appreciates all

the events, including the Lunar New Year celebration and family movie times. “It is always nice to connect with other families,” noted Sylvie, “and the staff is amazing, very helpful and patient.”

Last summer, when the family talked about the library’s expansion project, Noah immediately knew he wanted to support the project. “He wanted to donate some of his own money since he has been borrowing so many books,” Sylvie remarked.

On the day of the grand opening, Sylvie and Noah were on site to see

the completed project. “It means so much to know that Noah felt strongly enough about his connection to our Library that he wanted to support the construction project with his donation,” remarked Librarian Anna Bruce.

From storytime kid to library supporter, Noah and his family are proud to share their library story.

Do you have a library story? Share your story at [go.lincc.org/hvlibrarystory](http://go.lincc.org/hvlibrarystory) and possibly see it featured in an upcoming publication.



From storytime kid to library supporter, Noah Tavan's generosity shines. From left to right: Noah, Sylvie, and Librarian Anna Bruce.

**PROGRAMS**

**All Ages Programs**

All Together Now programs are designed as intergenerational programs, with people of all ages coming together to create and play.

**Let’s Build**

Friday, Apr. 11, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Community Room A  
Drop in for some free building fun with LEGO and Duplo blocks.

**Fungi Fun!**

Saturday, Apr. 19, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
Community Room B  
Interested in mushrooms? Are you a “Fun”gi? Join us to learn all about our fungal partners on planet earth, why they are important, how they can help us and basic I.D. tips and tricks for beginning foragers and enthusiasts. RSVP available.



Learn about mushrooms and foraging at the Library’s Fungi Fun program.

**Adult Programs**

RSVP for programs at [go.lincc.org/hvRSVP](http://go.lincc.org/hvRSVP)

**ESL Classes**

Mondays, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Meeting Room  
All are welcome to drop in to this weekly class. Each student will receive a free textbook to use in the classes. RSVP available.

**Citizenship Classes**

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
Meeting Room  
Drop in to this weekly class that will prepare you for the civics and American history portion of the citizenship interview, taught by an instructor from Goodwill. Every student receives a free citizenship test prep textbook. RSVP available.

**Chinese Mah Jongg**

Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room  
Those who enjoy playing Chinese Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Contact the library if you would like to play.

**American Mah Jongg**

Fridays, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room  
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.

**Genealogy Club**

Tuesday, Apr. 8, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Meeting Room  
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!

**Estate Planning**

Saturday, Apr. 19, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Community Room A  
Author of A Very Simple Estate Planning Guide Cheryl Gill will share her insight into estate planning beyond creating a will. She’ll explore: What is estate planning and how do you get started? What are the three things everyone needs to have? Do you need a will or trust? How do you avoid probate? What are the most common mistakes people make? RSVP available.

**Intro to Chair Yoga**

Thursday, Apr. 24, 10:30 a.m.  
Community Room A  
Instructor Maria Fe Picar leads a gentle introduction to Chair Yoga. Wear comfortable clothes; all other supplies provided. Maria has a Chair Yoga Certification from Mind and Body Purposeful Institute. Registration required.

**Fighting Fraud**

Friday, Apr. 25, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Meeting Room  
Have you ever been approached with a fraudulent offer or been a victim of identity theft? The AARP Fraud Watch Network is working to empower you in the fight, with proven resources and tools to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud. This session will arm you with the latest data on fraud trends and provide tips and resources to protect yourself and your family. RSVP available.



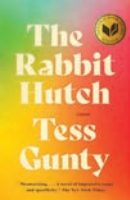
Get practical tips on protecting yourself from theft and fraud.

**Spanish Conversation Group**

Sunday, Apr. 27, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.  
Meeting Room  
Practice your Spanish conversational skills through fun role-playing scenarios and conversation topics with other language learners. Please note this is not a Spanish class, but a conversation group. Participants should have at least a beginner’s level of conversational Spanish. Registration required.

**Happy Valley Book Group**

Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.  
Community Room A  
Read The Rabbit Hutch by Tess Gunty and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!



**Bike Camping 101**

Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.-noon  
Community Room A  
The Street Trust is back with another bike-how-to, this time focusing on bike camping. Learn what to bring, what to eat, how to pack, where to go, how to get there, and safety. Attendees leave with free resource handouts and a helpful packing checklist. RSVP available.



Take camping to the next level – with your bike! Learn how with this information session from The Street Trust.

**Youth Programs**

**Storytimes**

To see our full listing of storytimes and playtimes for ages birth to five, visit our website or [go.lincc.org/hvbirthto5](http://go.lincc.org/hvbirthto5).

**Giờ Kể Chuyện/Vietnamese Storytime**

Sunday, Apr. 6, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Community Room A  
Hãy đến thư viện vui hát, kể chuyện, làm quen với văn điệu thơ tiếng Việt và cùng làm thủ công với nhau nhé.  
Enjoy Vietnamese stories, songs, rhymes and make a craft together as a family.

**Stretch, Dance, Play**

Thursday, Apr. 3, 10:15 a.m.  
Community Room A  
For 2–5-year-olds and their caregivers. Join Iris Nason for dance, yoga, singing, sign language and play!

**Homeschool Club**

Thursday, Apr. 10, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Community Room A  
Hey homeschool families! Bring the whole family for a morning of fun with crafts and games.

**Sign & Sing**

Friday, Apr. 11, 10:15 a.m.  
Community Room A  
For 2–5-year-olds and their caregivers. Sing, dance, and sign with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers.

**On the Move!**

Thursday, Apr. 17, 10:15 a.m.  
Community Room A  
For 2–5-year-olds and their caregivers. Join Maria Fe Picar for a special story, songs and games that encourage creative movement.

**Cuentos, música y manualidades / Spanish Storytime**

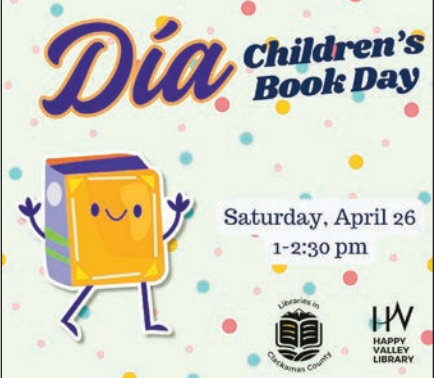
Saturday, Apr. 12, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Community Room A  
¡Los invitamos a la Biblioteca de Happy Valley a disfrutar de una hora de cuentos, música y manualidades en Español! We invite you to Happy Valley library to enjoy stories, music and crafts in Spanish!



Teacher Kenny leads an interactive storytime with songs and more!

**Chinese Storytime / 中文故事时间**

Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Community Room A  
欢迎加入我们特别为孩子们举办的中文故事时间，用普通话呈现适合所有年龄层的故事、歌曲和活动  
Join us for a special Chinese Storytime presented in Mandarin with stories, songs and activities for ages 0-10.



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**Teen Library Group**

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Meeting Room  
Hang out with new friends, share ideas, and help with a project. A safe space for all to be themselves.



# CHS’s Jazzy Davidson honored

Clackamas High School’s very own Jazzy Davidson has earned a prestigious spot in the 2025 McDonald’s All-American Games, set to take place this April at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.



By **EMMA DAVIS**  
*Staff Reporter*

**This incredible achievement places her among the country’s top high school basketball players and reflects the hard work and dedication that has defined her career.**

Jazzy was recognized during halftime of the Clackamas High School girls’ varsity basketball game against Nelson High School on Tuesday, Feb. 25. The game, which began at 6 p.m., saw halftime festivities kicking off around 6:30 p.m. As part of the celebration, Jazzy received a special jersey presentation to honor her selection to the McDonald’s All-American Games, marking a significant milestone in her basketball journey.

Jazzy Davidson was chosen from more than 1,000 high school basketball

players nationwide, a highly competitive selection process that highlights her exceptional talent on the court. She will be joining some of the brightest stars in basketball, as the McDonald’s All-American Games have long been known as a proving ground for future NBA and WNBA players. Since its inception in 1977, the event has provided a platform for young athletes to showcase their skills on a national stage, and Jazzy is now part of that celebrated tradition.

A standout player for Clackamas High School, Jazzy has been a dominant force this season, averaging an impressive 27.5 points per game. Her scoring ability, leadership, and determination have been helpful factors in her team’s success throughout her time in the CHS basketball program.

In addition to her McDonald’s

All-American selection, Jazzy was also named one of five finalists for the prestigious Jersey Mike’s Naismith Girls High School Basketball Player of the Year award. This recognition places her among some of the top players in the nation and adds another feather to her cap.

During the same event, CHS’s girls’ basketball head coach, Korey Landolt, was also named a finalist for the Jersey Mike’s Naismith Girls Basketball Coach of the Year award. Both Jazzy and Coach Landolt’s achievements were honored during the halftime ceremony on Feb. 25, reflecting their hard work and commitment.

Jazzy is the daughter of Monica Davidson and played under the guidance of Coach Korey Landolt at CHS. She will be attending University of Southern California in the fall of 2025.



## OMMP To Hold Whiskey Tasting Experience

*Event will help to raise funds for the Oregon Military Museum Project*

Courtesy OMMP

Join the fun for a memorable evening at the Oregon Military Museum, where history meets craftsmanship in an exclusive whiskey tasting event hosted by New Brighton Distillery. Nestled in the heart of the Willamette Valley, New Brighton Distillery embodies the farm-to-flask movement, sourcing nearly every ingredient from Oregon’s rich, fertile farmland. From corn, wheat,

### EVENT DETAILS

**Where:** Oregon Military Museum, 15300 Minuteman Way, Clackamas, OR 97015

**When:** Saturday, Apr. 26 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50

**Tickets:** <https://oregonmilitarymuseumproject.org/>

and rye to other hand-selected grains, every sip of their fine whiskey reflects the spirit of Oregon’s farmers and the care that goes into each bottle.

This event offers more than just a whiskey tasting—it’s an opportunity to celebrate Oregon’s proud agricultural and distilling traditions. As you savor each unique pour, you’ll

also have the chance to explore the Museum’s upcoming Hall of Valor, honoring the courageous individuals who have served our country.

Beyond the tastings and exhibits, the evening features a silent auction where you can place your bids, contributing to the continued growth and success of this amazing institution. Your ticket—available by donation—includes the whiskey tasting experience and the opportunity to support the museum’s mission.

Come together with friends, fellow community members, and supporters of this remarkable establishment. Your participation will help bring to life the vision of a museum that celebrates Oregon’s history, heritage, and the stories that shape our future.



## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



### Clackamas High School



#### Andrew Marcoe, Junior Boys Varsity Basketball

Andrew Marcoe, a junior standout 3-and-D wing, has been instrumental in the Cavaliers’ impressive playoff run. Known for taking on the toughest defensive assignments, Andrew’s performance in the playoffs was no exception. He effectively shut down McNary’s top guard in the first round and limited Barlow’s star senior to just six points in the second half of the Cavaliers’ hard-fought loss to the top-seeded team in the 6A OSAA tournament. In addition to his stellar defense, Andrew averaged 10 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists throughout the playoffs. His toughness, grit, and athleticism have been key factors in the Cavaliers’ success this season. Congratulations, Andrew, on being named the Cavaliers Athlete of the Week!

**Congrats, Andrew! Go Cavs!**

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#### Sara Barhoum, Senior Girls Varsity Basketball

Sara Barhoum topped off an amazing career by breaking the single season three point record for all classifications and genders in Oregon this week. She also had a great performance at the recent state tournament and was named to the 1st Team All-Tourney Team. Sara will continue her basketball career next year at the University of Oregon. Congrats to Sara!

**Congrats, Sara! Go Cavs!**

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### Adrienne C. Nelson HS



#### Jaiden Pickett, Senior Varsity Boys Basketball

Jaiden scored 11 points in the playoff game vs. Lake Oswego helping secure the win. He scored 22 points in the playoff loss to Jesuit. He was a leader the entire year for this team.

**Way to go, Jaiden! Go Hawks!**

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#### Braylon Gaines, Sophomore Varsity Boys Basketball

Braylon Gaines scored 38 Points in the playoff win vs Lake Oswego. He then scored 22 points in the playoff loss to Jesuit and has been a great teammate to all the guys all season long.

**Way to go, Braylon! Go Hawks!**

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