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ummer is here and that means the City's multiweek concert series at Happy Valley Park is headed your way. Brought to you by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, this energetic six-week series offers the community a chance to reconnect and celebrate the return of summer with some of the hottest bands in town.

Rock out with a variety of performers as a new band takes the stage each week with genres ranging from country, pop, blues, classic rock, and R&B.

Concerts are festival-style seating, so attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the tunes. Food and beverage, including beer and wine, are available for purchase on site.

Kids and teens can check out the Happy Zone, a fun-filled activity space that offers crafts, games, and action-packed excitement. Coordinated by the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team, this space will provide rotating activities throughout the series, so there is always something for the kids to do.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m., so get ready to get down as we turn up the volume and celebrate summer, right here in Happy Valley! For more information, head to www.happyvalleyor.gov/summer-concerts-2023.





Steven Sala recalls his time in the Vietnam War and receiving a purple heart

By EMMA DAVIS

Pamplin Media Group

The purple heart medal is one of the most honorable medals one can receive when serving in the military and Steven Sala was one of those men. He was one of the many soldiers who fought as a rifleman in the Vietnam War during the Tet Offensive from 1968 until he was wounded in action eight months later in January of 1969. During his time serving, Sala experienced the reality of war and to this day, he hasn't forgotten.

Steven Sala, a native Oregonian born in 1948, began his life in Northeast Portland where he grew up with his mother and two older brothers. He

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Steven Sala's purple heart.

Nextdoor

2020

2021

Sponsored by Emmert International, **National Night Out brings** neighbors and first responders together.

National Night Out celebrates first responders, unites community

City of Happy Valley

Save the date and join us Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Happy Valley Park for National Night Out, a nationwide event that serves to build relationships between residents and



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promote police-community partnerships. Made possible by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and sponsored by Emmert International, the event features Happy Valley Police, Clackamas

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SUNDAY

Concerts From Page A1

July 13:

BRITNEE KELLOGG

A country singer/songwriter, this artist sings from the soul and gives her whole heart to her craft. An American Idol alum, Kellogg remains true to herself, bringing authentic storytelling to her romantic ballads and pure joy to her melodies.

July 20:

JENNIFER BATTEN & FULL STEAM AHEAD

This energetic Steampunk styled band is all about fun as they play top level 80's cover music from Toto, Van Halen, Foreigner, Journey, Peter Gabriel and more. Jennifer's guitar skills make her an icon in her own right. She not only toured the world with Michael Jackson and appeared with him in the Superbowl XXVI half time show, but her original approach to the electric guitar even landed her a Vegas residency with Cirque Du Soleil.

July 27:

NATE BOTSFORD

Popular Northwest based artist Nate Botsford's country rock hybrid style is a lifetime in the making. Nate has shared the stage with the likes of Old Dominion, Brett Young, Chris Janson, LoCash, Lonestar and many others.

August 3:

No concert this week. Join us for National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 1!

August 10:

GLASS OF HEARTS

Giving Portland a taste of New Wave era's premier female-fronted powerhouse, Glass of Hearts delivers all the punk, disco and rap packed with every ounce of energy one show can handle!

August 17:

NORMAN SYLVESTER

Norman "the Boogie Cat" Sylvester is an absolute legend. He's played the Waterfront Blues Festival and jammed with, or opened for, blues giants Buddy Guy, Albert Collins and even B.B. King. Born in Louisiana, blues and R&B are at the heart of everything he does. His earliest musical influences originate from hearing gospel singing in church and blues sung by local community performers he's connected with throughout the years.

August 24:

IAN JAMES

Described as the musical lovechild of Michael Jackson and James Taylor, once you hear Ian James play, you will be coming back for more. Prepare for a soulful voice with uplifting energy that will keep the party vibe alive.



CONCERTS IN THE VALLEY 2023 SCHEDULE











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Concert goers can expect festival style seating. Bring some blankets and lawn chairs and immerse yourself in the sounds of summer.

COMING SOON! Meet your Neighbors!



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City celebrates National Public Works Week

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May 21-27 marked National Public Works Week, a time to recognize the people across the United States who provide and maintain city infrastructure and maintenance services. A primary goal of the celebratory week includes educating the general public about the value and necessities of public works projects and to call attention to the importance of public works in community life.

The City of Happy Valley relies on its Public Works team to take care of a variety of projects.

Responsibilities include:

■ Maintenance of approximately 58 lane miles of City streets and parking lots

■ Removal of debris and snow, roadway sanding and sweeping, striping, pothole repair, crack-sealing, and signage

■ Fulfillment of local, State, and federal mandates for streets and right of ways

■ Maintenance of the City parks and the Citywide trail system and public open spaces including all mowing, planting, blackberry removal, and tree trimming

■ Maintenance of all park buildings and athletic fields

■ Maintenance of playground equipment, picnic facilities, and sport courts

■ Maintenance of the City's park equipment

To highlight all the great work of Happy Valley's Public Works team, the City coordinated a Public Works Get Together at Happy Valley Park on May 24. The event garnered an afternoon



Think Public Works is boring? Think again! National Public Works Week proves those tough jobs done behind the scenes are pretty cool. Residents got a chance to sit in the driver's seat of several City big rigs during a recent event recognizing the team's work.



of fun that encouraged residents to meet the Public Works team and learn all about what they do. Attendees had a chance to climb aboard the City's big rigs, which included an excavator and dump truck, and kids enjoyed a themed dessert – chocolate pudding "dirt cups" of course, complete with crushed cookies







What is the status of the PVNC Comprehensive Plan?

City of Happy Valley

The City has worked with advisory groups and community members since 2018 to develop the Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan. The plan identifies future uses for approximately 2,700 acres along the east side of Happy Valley including a balance of housing options and livable neighborhoods, wellplanned parks and trails, safe and efficient streets, environmental protections, and local employment and business opportunities. Though some development may occur soon, the plan is intended to be implemented over decades as property owners choose to develop their land and supporting infrastructure can be built.

City Council approved the Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan and it became effective on Mar. 7, 2023. The approval was appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals, however the court dismissed the case on May 24, 2023 and the community may



now have more certainty about how the area will urbanize over time.

All materials, including the finalized Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map can be found online at www.hv.city/pvnc.







WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

This Month's featured neighborhood: HAPPY VALLEY HEIGHTS

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Council Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall 16000 SE Misty Drive Happy Valley, OR 97086 (503) 783-3800 www.happyvalleyor.gov

CITY COUNCIL

The verdict is in: Judge for a Day offers insight into municipal court

City of Happy Valley

Hands on learning is an important part of exploring different career fields and understanding how things work. That's why Xander, a 4th grader from Happy Valley Elementary School, got an opportunity to shadow Happy Valley's own Judge Blake during court proceedings on June 7. Xander sat beside Judge Blake on the dais and watched him question defendants. make case determinations, and interact with court staff.

Xander a chance to see how

a municipal court operates and how our City's rules and ordinances are enforced. Throughout the morning, he had a chance to ask questions of Court Clerks, Community Service Officers, and members of Happy Valley's Police Department. The day culminated with lunch at City Hall.

Xander's experience was made possible by a partnership between the City and Happy Valley Elementary School's PTO.

The Judge for a Day experience is a popular package the The experience gave City can offer local schools



Xander and Judge Blake on the dais.

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Xander even got to try on the official judge's robe.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Budget Season — allocating city funds

ne of the most important North tasks we have as the Mayor and City Council is ensuring your tax dollars are well spent. Of your property tax dollars, only 4% comes to the City for general operations. With addi-

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Public Safety and 3% goes towards Parks and Recreation. The other 85% of your tax bill goes to other service providers such as the North Clackamas School District, Clackamas Fire, Clackamas County, and more. As a City Council, all we control are the tax

Tom Ellis

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



of prior trends, projections for the members. future, and analysis. Most importantly, it involves input and approval from the Budget Committee which includes five look. The budget we approved allows us local residents and the City Council to continue funding the services that you

With careful spending, the City has been able to have a positive financial outhave 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:

Purchasing land for parks Making improvements to existing

playgrounds

 Purchasing land for new downtown Designing improvements to 172nd Avenue

Filling in sidewalk gaps

Designing a new Community Center

■ Expanding the Happy Valley Library

Purchasing land and designing a new Public Works facility

All these significant projects will take many years to implement and diligent financial planning.

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 head to hvn@pamplinmedia. com and include as many details as possible, so our publication team can review your proposal. Our best stories highlight the spirit and values of the Happy Vallev 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.

Dumpster Day helps residents declutter

City of Happy Valley

On June 10, Happy Valley residents unofficially kicked off summer at Dumpster Day, an annual event coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. The event gives residents a chance to recycle and dispose of a variety of items for free.

Stations throughout Happy Vallev Park offered easy drop off points for residents to get rid of broken items, items for donation, used tires for recycling, and secure paper shredding. There was even a spot to turn in tattered American flags in need of retirement.

Thank you to community partners Hoodview Disposal and Recycling, Sunset Garbage Collection, Waste Management, Les Schwab Tire Center, Oregon Metro, and Goodwill Industries.



extend its appreciation to the Corrections for volunteering at The City would also like to Happy Valley Youth Council, the event.

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LEFT: Items in good condition will have a chance at new life thanks to Goodwill Industries.

BELOW: Coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. **Dumpster Day had** residents excited for the chance to ditch unwanted items and junk.



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Community Calendar

July 13

Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m. (see cover page for details)

July 18

City Council Work Session, City Hall: 6 p.m. City Council Meeting, City Hall: 7 p.m.

July 20

Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m.

July 25

Library Board Meeting, Happy Valley Library: 6 p.m.

July 26

HVBA Meeting, City Hall: 7:30 a.m.

July 27

Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m.

July 28

Concerts in the Park, Village Green Park: 6:30 p.m.

August 1

■ National Night Out, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m. (se cover page for details)

August 4

Concerts in the Park: Village Green Park: 6:30 p.m.

August 10

Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m.

August 11 Concert in the Park, Village Greek Park: 6:30 p.m.

Cool off in the Happy Valley Splash Pad

City of Happy Valley

With summertime in full swing, beating the heat might be high on your priority list. Thankfully, Happy Valley Park offers an easy way to cool off without having to make a long trek out of town. For parents, it may also be a life saver when it comes to keeping the kids busy and active during these endless summer days.

Sprinkler parks, like the Splash Pad at Happy Valley Park, are often a convenient and safe choice for staying cool. Sprinkler parks can provide hours of fun for kids, without turning your own backyard into a mud pit, or wasting gallons of water. It is also a safe option for families with non-swimmers.

Happy Valley's Splash Pad is not your traditional sprinkler, however. The system that operates the Splash Pad is quite complex, with multiple filtration and chemical balancing systems, and programming controls.

The Happy Valley Splash Pad water filtration system is very similar to what a pool would have. The water is treated with chlorine and other chemicals to keep the water clean and the pH at just the right level. Sprinkler parks are required to follow the same sanitary guidelines as public pools, which means chemical levels are checked three times per day and regularly inspected by the Clackamas County Health Department.

Splash Pad rules and safety

Please treat the Splash Pad like you would a swimming pool. This will ensure the water quality remains healthy for all to enjoy. Here are a few simple guidelines to follow: ■ Do not use chalk on the Splash Pad – when the chalk

is washed away more chemicals are needed to off-set the effect it has on the water quality.

Do not use the Splash Pad to wash off mud, dirt and other messes

■ No dogs are allowed in the Splash Pad water. This is per a Clackamas County Health Department permit requirement.

Refrain from eating or drinking around the Splash Pad Children who are not potty-trained are required to wear swim diapers – Once a fecal issue is detected, the water is drained and the tanks are refilled. Not only is this a waste of water, but the Splash Pad can't be used during this time and nobody wants that.

■ Pick up garbage and avoid using water balloons on the Splash Pad- the tiny pieces of rubber get stuck in the filters

■ Walk, don't run, on the Splash Pad. The surface is cleaned regularly to remove algae and scum, but it can be slippery.

Please review all the safety rules once you arrive on-site. This will assure safe play for everyone.

Have a safety concern or question about the Splash Pad?

You can contact City Hall and ask to speak with the Public Works Director at 503-783-3800.

The Splash Pad is typically open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. through Labor Day Weekend.

Did you know the Splash Pad is on a timer? During the summer it is hard to tell because the Splash Pad stays plenty busy, but it will turn off after 30 minutes if the power button is not pushed. If you arrive at the Splash Pad during the hours of operation and it is not on, try pushing the button located near the Splash Pad rules in Covered Area C.



Located at Happy Valley Park, the City's Splash Pad offers fun entertainment during the summer months. Enjoy water play without the hassle of muddy grass or dirt. Just pack the sunscreen and a towel.

Urban coyotes: How to reduce conflict

City of Happy Valley

If you live in Happy Valley, you have probably seen a coyote or two. For some people, this can be alarming, but when should you be concerned? The following offers some helpful information about the nature of coyotes and what to expect, as well as what you can do to keep your family safe.

About coyotes

Coyotes are skittish of humans and will do what they can to avoid us, opting instead for quiet areas with little foot traffic as they search for food. Small mammals are their main source, with rabbits, squirrels,

daylight don't necessarily mean something is wrong. In cal system. But, as their open rural areas, coyotes are active throughout the day, but in places where humans dominate, such as Happy Valley, they are a little more aloof, opting to circulate at night when there is less activity. However, if an opportunity presents itself to procure an easy meal, an outing during the day is never out of the question. This is especially true in the springtime and early summer when pups are born, and packs have a new set of mouths to feed.

Living together

Happy Valley boasts beautiful, wooded areas, wetlands, and a tree canopy that protects

important role in the ecologispaces become more limited due to development, coyotes will expand their domain as they search for food. Some coyotes have learned there aren't repercussions for going through a resident's garbage or sniffing around a yard, so they may be more likely to see what they can get away with by becoming bolder in their actions.

What can you do to protect yourself and your family?

Be proactive and make every effort you can to keep your property as coyote un-friendly as can be. The presence of a free buffet in the form of pet food left out, BBQ grills left open, or voles, and mice their usual prey. a variety of flora and fauna. uncontained garbage can entice Urban coyotes are primarily Coyotes are a natural species a hungry coyote. Be cautious

nocturnal, but sightings during to this area and as such, play an about squirrel and bird feeders as well. Coyotes catch on quickly and if your backyard is a beacon for prey, they will soon realize the odds are in their favor if they hang around your property. And, if your backyard nets some meals, your neighbor's might as well which will increase the likelihood of coyotes exploring neighborhoods further.

> Be mindful of your pets and don't let them roam freely. Cats and small dogs are super easy for coyotes to catch, so fence your yard if you can, don't leave pet food out, and never leave pets unattended. Never leave small children unattended for the same reason.

> Property owners can even head online to purchase gadgets, pheromone sprays, and other types of repellants to keep



Familiarize vourself with what you can do to live in harmony with coyotes.

coyotes at bay. Consider installing motion sensor lighting to help deter potential covote loitering and keep shrubs and other plants trimmed, so as not to encourage hiding spots.

See COYOTES / A12



HAPPY VALLEY'S NEWEST AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CUISINE

This month at Yolotl!

June 10th: Come play the Oregonian Lotería (Mexican Bingo) with local Latin artists Hampton Rodriguez. Have dinner or drink while you play. Saturday June 10 from 7 pm to 9 pm July 14th: Noche Oaxagueña. Come and try our

special menu offering various traditional dishes from Oaxaca, one of the best cuisines of all Mexico. Available from 5 to 10 pm

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Field replacement project kicks off at Happy Valley Park

City of Happy Valley

Beginning July 5, visitors to Happy Valley Park will notice construction equipment and crews as the City commences work to replace all sports fields. The improvement project serves to replace the current fields with new grass and amenities that include:

Updates to irrigation and drainage lines

Fencing and sign modifications ■ Infield upgrades to baseball field ■ New baseball field backstop and fencing

All multi-use soccer and baseball fields will be closed for use through the duration of the project. Park restrooms and active areas such as sports courts, playgrounds, skate park, and off-leash dog areas will remain open. Please be advised that the main road that extends from the northern parking lots and lower areas of the park will be closed to all vehicle traffic. This means the parking lots at the southern end of the park (nearest Picnic Shelters A and B) will be closed. Picnic Shelters A and B will also be temporarily closed as



the construction crew carries out some initial project work. This initial work is anticipated to be completed by Fall; however the fields will remain off limits until Summer 2024 as the grass fully germinates.

Visitors to Happy Valley Park will notice increased dust, noise, and construction equipment. Park goers are encouraged to be cautious when traversing the park's pathways and exercise safe habits when crossing main thoroughfares as construction vehicles will be in active operation. Visitors utilizing the dog park areas or playgrounds nearest Picnic Shelter A may need to find alternative parking given all southern lots will be closed to vehicles. Please be respectful when parking in residential neighborhoods. Do not block resident driveways and



be mindful of any parking signs.

For more information, including who to contact should questions or concerns arise, please visit our dedicated project webpage at www.happyval-

City will provide updates on that page voted on by residents every five years. should anything change regarding scheduling.

Parks improvement projects, amenities but allows for their longsuch as this one, are fully funded by term accessibility by residents and leyor.gov/field-replacements. The the Happy Valley Parks Levy, which is

efforts will take place at Happy Valley Park this summer as all sports fields begin the process of getting replaced.

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Playground installation back on track Keep the summertime fun going with a neighborhood block party City of Happy Valley

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Is your neighborhood interested in holding a get together by way of a neighborhood block party? This is a great way to coordinate some summertime fun. Through Labor Day weekend, the City is accepting permit applications for block parties. Residents can simply fill out our online form and submit it virtually for review. There is an option to request a street closure and safety barricades, which may help encourage more space for neighbors to disperse as well as allow children to play more freely.

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation offers this service to help residents stay

connected and enjoy time together without the concern of persistent vehicle traffic. If of persistent vehicle traffic. If you are interested in filling out PARKS & RECREATION an application, head to the link

applications at least five business days in application form. One of our staff members advance of the planned event so that the will contact you to follow up.



Spending time outside with neighbors is a great way to build relationships with those in your immediate community. Between BBQ's, lawn games, and music, block parties are a summertime staple in Happy Valley.

> City can make any necessary arrangements.

Ready to plan your own neighborhood block party? Head online to www.happyval-

below. Applicants are encouraged to submit levor.gov/blockparty and fill out the virtual

A delivery delay created a temporary work halt on the installation of new play structures to Ashley Meadows and Southern Lites Parks last month. Work began this past spring to replace the former playground equipment, however, the new play structures arrived later than initially scheduled.

By late June, crews were able to resume work. The playground installation project is still estimated to be completed by the end of summer provided the dry weather holds. This is crucial because the final step includes curing the surface flooring for each structure.

Last year, new playground equipment was installed at Happy Valley Park and Village Green Park. While the former structures at each location were functional, evaluations



Artist rendering of new play structure at Southern Lites Park.

condition and would soon need major safety updates.

Stay tuned for additional updates as we get closer to unveiling the concluded that they were rap-idly reaching an end of useful life new spaces. Updated features are set to include ADA and all abilities Parks Levy dollars.



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Grill to Thrill: Alternative barbeque and Beverage **Options for Your Summer Hangout!**

Alternative BBQ and Beverage Options for a summer hangout in Happy Valley

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY For Pamplin Media Group

The Fourth of July has come and gone, and let's get real for a second... you've likely had your tenth or eve twentieth burger/hot dog combo of the early Summer, leaving your tastebuds to experience anything but fireworks. So, how about changing up the flavor for the rest of the Summer and taking a gamble on some of these exciting ideas!

As chef Bobby Flay so often reminds us, we all have that one uncle who tends to the grill, flipping our steaks or burgers every ten seconds while pressing the meat so firmly it loses all of its juices. Beef jerky anyone? No thanks. It's time we give our loving but sometimes clueless uncle a rest and take to the grill cook that's as surpris-

ingly delicious as it is simple?

Our first suggestion would be fish. Yes, the same fish that always sticks to the grill and leaves you hotter than an August night. So, what are you doing wrong? Simple. Leave it alone! Flaky fish, like cod, tilapia, or flounder should be well seasoned and greased, either with a spray oil or canola oil and then left on the hot side of the grill 3-4 minutes

alone will help build a crust and will make it much easier to flip. Perhaps grill some corn or flour tortillas and make some exciting fish tacos, dressed with your favorite summer slaw, a slice of avocado, and a creamy vet spicy sauce. Pro tip, whip up some pico



Street corn – A side dish so amazing you'll think it's an entree. Mexican Paloma - Cooling off has never been so much fun.

de gallo and add some pineapple tidbits for a sweet and sour twist. You won't be let down.

However, we all know kids aren't often the biggest fan of ourselves! But what should you fish. So, how do we appease their

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palates? How about a pizza party on the BBQ! Most stores sell a premade pizza dough changing up that simply requires a little flour and elbow grease to smooth out into a pizza round. From there, use some olive oil on one side of the dough and flop it down on the grill oil side down. It's a gamble on even easier to work with if you do it in individual pizza sizes. Do this for about 4-6 minutes. Then, take the pizza off and add your sauce, cheese, and toppings to

per side untouched. Leaving it the cooked side while making sure to oil the other raw side. Then, throw your pizza back on the grill with the lid closed for another 4-6 minutes and enjoy.

Fantastic! We now have a couple of deliciously sounding entrees to cook on our grill, but how about a new side dish that



extends beyond the pasta salads, potato salads, and baked beans? First off, rather than boiling your corn on the cob before slathering it in butter and salt, try grilling your corn instead! Simply throw some canola oil onto your corn and throw it down on the hottest part of the grill to create a beautiful char. Cook for 15-20 minutes while turning the corn every 3-5 minutes. Also, consider ditching the standard butter and salt bath and try making it street corn style by adding a combo of mayo, sour cream, cotija cheese, lime juice and some Tajin seasoning to the finished product. It will blow your mind.

Now, with all of this delicious summer food, I think it's safe to say that we're going to need a cocktail (or mocktail), beyond the standard beer, seltzer or even the classic margarita. For you and your guests, we recommend the Mexican Paloma. It's so easy! First, preferably in a Moscow Mule mug, add the juice of two lime wedges and add two tablespoons of fresh orange juice. Then, add one to two ounces of your favorite tequila (for the adults) then fill with ice. Top off the rest of your cocktail with Squirt grapefruit soda. It's as refreshing as a margarita without all the familiarity, and makes



Perfectly grilled meats and vegetables are synonymous with summer. Make sure you follow these simple safety tips from Clackamas Fire.

8 safety tips to avoid a grilling accident

City of Happy Valley

The summer season is here, as grill connoisseurs reach for their tongs, eager to usher in the long-awaited barbeque season. According to the **National Fire Protection** Association (NFPA), grillers are urged to be mindful of grilling safety in the spring and summer months, when grilling fires most often occur. Although many grillers do so year-round, grilling fires are at their peak in July, followed by May, June and August. Roughly half of grill-related injuries are thermal burns.

Clackamas Fire encourages these simple tips to remain safe when grilling this season:

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.

■ The grill should be placed well away from the reach of children and away home, deck railings and out from heat sources.



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from under eves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

■ Never leave your grill unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

■ If the flame goes out from a propane grill, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least five minutes before re-lighting it.

■ For charcoal grills, keep charcoal fluid out of the



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With the warmer weather, City parks and trails are bustling with activity. We know spending time outdoors is great for mental and physical health, and our City parks offer the perfect outlet for exercise, group gatherings, and some much needed fun in the sun. With this said, it takes everyone's partnership in making sure park rules are followed. We as Community Service Officers are tasked with ensuring compliance, but we rely on you doing your part to help us keep City parks at their best. You may see us patrolling on foot or by truck as we make our way throughout these shared spaces. Ultimately, we aim to work collaboratively with park goers and we are happy to answer any questions you may have about our park rules.

Here are some great tips to



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keep in mind to help ensure everyone's safety.

1. Be nice to the neighbors: It is important to remember that most parks in Happy Valley are surrounded by neighborhoods. This is not by accident; we want our parks to be convenient for residents to use. We ask all visitors to conduct themselves as

they would if they were in their own neighborhood. Please be respectful when parking, noise levels, disposing of trash, etc.

2. All City parks, including Happy Valley Park are closed from dusk to dawn: If it is dark out, and the park is not open as part of a permitted event, the park is considered closed and trespassers can be ticketed.

3. Keep it clean: During the summer there are park employees on duty seven days a week, emptying garbage cans and restocking restrooms. Visitors are expected to properly dispose of their personal garbage or take it with them when they leave. If the restrooms or another facility in the park need attention, please call 503-783-3800.

4. Mind your animals: All animal waste must be placed in a bag or container and disposed of. There are bag dispensers for animal waste at most parks. Pets cannot be left unattended for any time. People with animals that act aggressively, or bark continuously will be required to leave. All animals in the park must be on a leash except if they are in one of the designated dog park enclosures.

5. No tobacco use or smoking of any kind is allowed on park property: This includes cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or any inhalant delivery system such as e-cigarettes and

vaping devices.

6. Leave the adult beverages at **home:** Alcohol possession and consumption is prohibited at City parks, unless permitted at a City sponsored event, and distributed by an OLCC approved vendor.

7. Rules of the road apply: The speed limit through the park is 10 mph. It is unsafe to go any faster than this speed. Motor vehicles must be operated in accordance with the law. Keep them off paths, grass, and trails unless you have express permission from the City. This includes ATVs, motor bikes, and other recreational vehicles.

8. Stay above ground: To protect the park's irrigation system and prevent uneven ground, avoid equipment being left behind. Stakes and posts may not be pounded into the ground.

9. Helmets are required at the skate park: In the interest of safety, City law requires anyone using the skate park to use a helmet. Helmets must be properly worn on your head at all times, regardless of age.

10. *****REMIND YOUTH OF RISKS:** Have conversations with your kids BEFORE they set foot in the park about how to assess their surroundings and make safe choices when it comes to the activities they partake in and the company they keep.



With sprawling stretches of trails and pathways, playgrounds, and community gathering areas, Happy Valley's Parks are excellent places to explore and be active. As more families take advantage of all the great features associated with Happy Valley parks, be sure to follow the rules to ensure the safety of all.

behavior expectations when

at the park and what to do in

case of emergency is always a

good idea. To further ensure

safety, parents are encouraged

to accompany their children

during visits to the park.

Ultimately, it is your responsi-

bility as your child's guardian

to know where your child is and

The full list of park regula-

tions can be found online. Scan

the corresponding QR code with

your smartphone to access. Rules

for using the off-leash dog area,

splash pad and skate park are

what they are engaged in.

Being clear about your child's also posted at each site.

Community Service Officers want everyone who visits Happy Valley parks to enjoy their time, but respecting others is key. In many instances, if a park rule is not being followed our team will address a park goer directly to provide education and help correct any infractions. With this said, it is up to park goers to comply with the City's established rules in order to avoid a formal citation. Visitors that do not comply with park rules may be directed to leave and ultimately excluded from returning.

Creating a Safe Space for Students

Highlighting elementary principal, Emily Behunin.

By EMMA DAVIS

Pamplin Media Group

Being a school administrator is not a career people think of when deciding their future, but that was always the plan for Principal Emily Behunin of Verne Duncan Elementary School. When she was in college, a detrimental event in her personal life occurred. It was then that she decided that administrative education was the path she wanted to

follow. "I really wanted to be a part of the system and make a difference and make sure I am doing right by kids in school," Behunin said. "It definitely gave me that extra motivation.'

After graduating in 2000 from the University of Portland, she immediately began her 23-yearlong career by joining the North Clackamas School District where she would remain for the entirety of her career thus far. In the fall following her graduation, she started teaching middle school history and leadership classes at McLaughlin Middle School. However, the school shut down and every student and teacher was moved to Alder Creek Middle. Only five years later, Behunin started her

administrative career as an associate principal at Alder Creek.

Following her time at Alder Creek Middle School, she then went on to hold administrative positions at Clackamas High School and Happy Valley Middle School and now at her first elementary school, Verne Duncan.

Since being at Duncan Elementary, she has developed a great love for its sense of family and community with both her students' families and staff around the district. "I love that I get to know so many different kids and families and to be part of the community trying to find the best way to support them," she said. "Being in the administration piece, I also have gotten to know the bus drivers and the kitchen staff, and you know the teachers,

which is fun to be a part of."

For the last four years at the elementary level, she has dedicated her time to overcoming the challenge of balancing her focus on safety and providing a welcoming school environment for students and families. "We want to keep all of our kiddos safe. have a safe campus, and make it welcoming for all families," she said. "There are never enough resources and that's just reality, but we have an amazing staff who put in time and energy to be creative in getting kids what they need. It's inspiring to see."

Many things make Behunin proud of being the head of Duncan Elementary, including incorporating the namesake of the school alive. Every year, the school has been able to have



Verne Duncan and Principal Emily Behunin.

Verne Duncan at the school it's really a great, great thing to to celebrate his birthday and attend other events. "We're very fortunate to be able to incorporate that, you know, like celebrating his birthday, having him come to our winter dance and other events," she said. "Not all schools get to do that and that's a cool thing that makes our school different and

have.'

Emily Behunin has built her impressive career on keeping kids safe and making sure that they feel welcomed in the community. "We have a great community with parents and community members who are willing to volunteer with that, people definitely feel that support.'

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Summer Concert Series Celebrates 25 years

Reflecting on the last 25 years of the Summer **Concert Series**

City of Happy Valley and Pamplin Media Group

Summer Concert Series

Rock on, Happy Valley! Amid stage lights, amps, and laughter echoing from the nearby splash pad, the community gets a front row seat to some of the best musical acts in town as Concerts in the Valley enters its 25th season this year.

Coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, the City's multi-week performance series at Happy Valley Park is a staple to summertime living. Families and friends gather each Thursday night as bands take to the stage to offer live musical entertainment. With food and beverage vendors on site and local businesses showing support for the events by way of sponsorships, the experience provides a comprehensive evening of music and fun for the entire family.

The summer of 1999 was one for the record books when Summer Concerts in the Valley debuted. Linda Sasson, a resident serving on what is now the Parks Advisory Committee, saw a need to bring the community together and wanted to help create a fun event. She spearheaded the concerts and helped secure vendors and funding for those initial bands. "I wanted to do something positive for the community," she says. "It was a lot of hard work, of course, but it was a good time." In those initial years, the event consisted of a mixture of amateur artists sharing their music with the help of some amps and a microphone. Small groups of residents gathered for the shows, which were first held near picnic area A of Happy Valley Park.

In the early days, there weren't many vendors, but there is one business that has been there since the beginning. The very first vendor at the summer concert series was one Ken Purcella and his team at Papa Murphy's. Purcella and other employees brought in electric ovens to provide pizza to hungry concertgoers. In the beginning, they had a small group to cater to so the number of total pizzas was small. However, as time went on and the number of for such a small and young city people who attended the con-





Bands, musicians and the Happy Valley community comes together to enjoy summer nights of music and camaraderie.

Purcella said. "Our biggest one for a park concert, I think we sold 77." When the pandemic happened and everything came to a halt, Purcella retired, but he fondly remembers the fun he had with his crew serving pizza to the Happy Valley community. "We really became part of the community and got more involved," he said. "I was just a really great time for us." Papa Murphy's still remains a part of the concert series as one of its most loved and popular vendors.

Dan Malmin, a former member of the Park Commission for Happy Valley, also played a role in the start of the series. Much like Sasson, Malmin also wanted something that would bring the community together more, even if for one season. "At first, it was interesting because it was much much smaller with not as many people," Malmin said. "It seemed to be a very cool and fun community thing at the time." As a resident of 40

and popular event with nearly thousands. "We were ahead of our time then, and it's cool to see how much it's grown," he said. "I'm very proud of Happy Valley and proud of what they've done.

Sasson recalls one memory in the early days of the concerts where for one show, they hosted a steel drum player, Rupert Blaize, along with other talented musicians to bring fun and entertainment to the crowd. "Rupert was actually the ambassador from Antigua and was also a professional steel drum player and he traveled all over the world, but he just happened to be in town that time," she said. "People would dance, and it was sunny, and we just had a lot of fun creating that community and watching it grow."

Bands who are showcased play various genres, including pop, blues, classic rock, 80's funk, and Latin Jazz for residents, neighbors, and friends celebrate the season and recon-

now check out the Happy Zone, a fun-filled activity space that offers crafts, games, and actionpacked excitement. Seeing a need to provide everyone in the family opportunity to enjoy the evening, the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team introduced this space to provide rotating activities throughout the series, so there is always something for the kids to do.

Additionally, intermission becomes a show within a show as audience participants take part in fun contests and dance-offs, sponsors raffle prizes, and local talent take the stage to keep everyone entertained.

In the past 25 years, the Summer Concert Series has been a big thing for families and Happy Valley residents to attend to get to know one another and grow as a community and continues to be.

So, dig out your dancing shoes, grab your favorite lawn chairs and prepare to settle in for a special summer commem-





For more details about this year's concert series, check out the cover



certs grew, so did the number years, he has been able to see nect under the sun. of pizzas. "We started with it grow over time, going from ten when we started and now, this small city event with hun-formances, kids and teens we average about 50 to 60,"

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Growing with the Community

Geri Naumcheff gives updates on the community garden and its future.

By EMMA DAVIS

Pamplin Media Group

Settled in the northeast corner of Happy Valley Park sits the Happy Valley **Community Garden where** 29 plots afford residents a space to grow various fruits, vegetables and more to help and give back to the ever-expanding community. The garden was first established in spring of 2012 when several residents came to the Happy Valley parks committee wanting a chance to bring the community together through their passion for gardening.

The garden liaison, Geri Naumcheff works closely with the community garden and its members during the spring and summer season when it is in full swing. She maintains the garden's operations and even has

her plot where she grows her produce alongside other community garden growers of all ages and backgrounds ranging from young children and their families to older retirees and master gardeners. "It's a really cool range of people," Naumcheff said. "There are families with little kids and parents sort of teaching them what's going on and then retired folks who love gardening and want to continue it for a social aspect.'

Additionally, many of the plots in the community garden belong to what is known as "master gardeners," or gardeners with years of experience. They teach a lot of the newcomers in the group to help them better understand the gardening process and get the most out of their gardens.

A big part of the garden is, of course, community; especially among the gardeners. "It's such a tight-knit group where everybody looks out for everyone and helps one another," she said. "Like if someone can't make it out to water their plot or they're out of town, one of us will offer to go out and check on it and help them out. It's just a fun thing for all of us.'

Many of those who have plots in the garden grow their crops for themselves and their families to have fresh and organically grown fruits and vegetables. Additionally, a lot of people use the garden to give back to their neighbors and the rest of the community. "If we have extra, we'll take some of the food to the bank or give it to our neighbors and friends," Naumcheff said.

As the liaison, Naumcheff has the chance to head start more opportunities and events for the garden, including partnerships with companies and foundations as well as holding educational classes on various subjects. In the next year, she plans on having a four-part education series on things to know when gardening. "I've talked with Good Earth Fertilizer in Eugene and one of their salespeople was willing to come and do some education around organic fertilizers. And they're going to be providing us with organic fertilizer too," she said. "I think I've already got a list of people that are saying they could speak on specific topics next spring, like how to self-sustain and what fertilizer to use."



A plot full of veggies at the garden

working with the city on community," Naumcheff said. expanding the community garden to have two locations in the coming years to further to give people that chance to be involve residents. "My big focus a part of this great thing."

Currently, Naumcheff is is making this more part of the "It's amazing to see how the demand has grown and we want

Family Festival celebrates America and local community

City of Happy Valley

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On behalf of the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team, thank you to all who came out to participate and help celebrate the 4th of July 2023. The Family Festival once again offered an event filled day that included live music and activities. The Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team hopes everyone who attended enjoyed the experience. Special thank you to this year's 4th



of July Family Festival sponsors. The City would also like to extend a special thank you to Mary Friesen, owner of Happy Valley Preschool

and Child Care Center, Inc., for so graciously donating the space needed to launch our fireworks show. The site, which sits adjacent to her family business, allows the professionals to bring these breathtaking fireworks to life every year. We appreciate her partnership and generosity in making this event a success.

In the next issue of HV News, there will be a complete recap of the day's festivities as well as photos from all the happenings.





HAPPY VALLEY NEWS -**AUGUST ISSUE**

At the time of print, staff was still going through all the photos from the event. Be sure to check out the August issue of Happy Valley News where we will include a collage of all the great moments.

CHOOL



What should you do if you see a coyote?

Covotes don't usually attack people. The most important thing to do when you see a coyote in your neighborhood is to simply reinforce its natural fear of humans. If you take walks, carry some sort of noise maker with you as loud sounds are a natural deterrent. You can also wave your arms and yell, and even throw something at the coyote, as this helps establish dominance. Once coyotes realize you are in charge and the area is not very welcoming, they will quickly move along.

Why not just get rid of a coyote permanently?

Eliminating a coyote from its habitat, whether through relocation or euthanasia, could have unintended effects. Trapping or killing a covote when it's just passing through the area automatically reduces the population and can actually trigger packs to start reproducing more often to compensate. There is also potential for creating a hierarchy imbalance within the pack itself, which can cause confusion, anxiety, and increased aggression amongst the group. It is also important to note that trapping coyotes is against the law in the state of Oregon.

What if a coyote does not move along or shows signs of aggression?

If you have taken the proper measures to protect your property, children, and pets, or you notice aggressive coyote behaviors such as growling, stalking, or the chasing of pets or people, residents are encouraged to report the situation to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at 971-673-6000. Someone will assess the area and, if appropriate, act to correctly capture and euthanize the coyote.

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All natural waxing at Sugaring NY

Sugaring NYC offers safe and beneficial waxing alternative

By EMMA DAVIS Pamplin Media Group

When one thinks of getting hair removal services, hot wax is typically the first thing that comes to mind. However, there is a much more organic, natural, healthy and safe alternative.

Sugaring NYC, a renowned sugaring hair removal business, offers top-notch hair removal and lash lifting services that are all natural and safer on the skin, using a process called "sugaring." This method is a relatively painless, affordable, and long-lasting hair removal method that can be used to remove hair from any part of the body. Sugaring uses a hypoallergenic paste made up of 100% natural ingredients, containing only water, lemon and sugar, with no chemicals, fragrances or coloring.

Hollie Blubaum is the manager of the West Linn location and the new Happy Valley location that opened in May of last year. "There weren't a lot of sugaring places in the Happy Valley area at the time we were looking," Blubaum said. "We saw how great the health and wellness community was in the temperature so burning and city and we wanted to be part scarring doesn't happen.



of that." Sugaring NYC's services are offered to every kind of person, both men and women, and have several benefits. "It is a great thing for people who experience ingrown hairs frequently and great for those who have sensitive skin too," she said. "Because of the precise, all-natural three-ingredient list, it is great for everybody to get." The natural ingredients in the sugaring paste help to prevent extreme skin irritation and are much easier for those who do have sensitive skin.

In addition to the safety of the natural ingredients, the sugaring paste is placed at room



Since its opening, Sugaring NYC has seen growing popularity through its excellent service and kind and courteous estheticians. "We've gotten a very loyal clientele that keeps coming back that also refer their friends too," Blubaum said. "We also have a wonderful staff here that is just really great. Some of them are tenure with us and have been since we've opened, so they've helped us a lot with getting our returning clients."

The studio offers various hair removal services for several different parts of the body. Their most popular, however, are full legs, underarms and the Brazilian. They also offer eyewell as a "v-facial," an add-on never been in before, we go

session.

treatment that can be given over everything with them," are very thorough and always after a Brazilian sugaring Blubaum said. "We go over go that extra step to help our how sugaring works, the pre-"We really get to know our care, the aftercare, we tell them lash and eyebrow services, as clients and if someone has every last thing they need to visit sugaringnyc.com or call know. No matter what it is, we

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clients."

To book an appointment, (971) 363-5065.

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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 and Public Relations Coordinator, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov or HV News Community Writer, Emma Davis at edavis@pamplinmedia.com.





The service and sacrifice our military community members make is important. With the support of Mayor Tom Ellis and City Council, the City of Happy Valley would like to share the stories of those who have served or are actively serving. Please contact us so we can highlight our local heroes.

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To say Maria Garcia is proud of her Mexican

heritage is an understatement. She opened Yolotl Traditional Mexican Cuisine 2020 when, mixed with the pandemic, last year in the new Crossroads East riots and homelessness, her downtown complex and is hoping to find a customer coffeehouse couldn't weather the base for her style of dining.

city with many national and international influences," Garcia said. "You can find all to reflect home cooking and street food found in Mexico City."

in Central Mexico, meaning heart, that is At the end, it was devastating, and I what we are presenting, traditional food from Central and South of Mexico. In my kitchen, women are the main protagonist. We bring our recipes and style along with had a passion to share her heritage our personal stories. Preparing traditional through food in a very innovative way. dishes have been our modus vivendus. She started bottling her Mexicanfor many years, some of my cooks raised their kids selling food back home. We bring home-cooking style to a restaurant presented itself, she took a chance. Her setting. We are moms and grandmas in my kitchen. To me, that is the heart of Mexico, it's hard-working people, it's women cooking to provide for their families and I'm from; I'm proud of my background. sharing with friends, family and in this Mexican gastronomy is very colorful, case, customers.

Garcia's story is quintessentially American. An immigrant in search of food is regional, we eat very different success. Garcia moved to Palm Springs, California, when she was 18 with her young daughter. Eventually, they made their way to Portland where Garcia worked at the Yolotl, do not expect the same flavor Mexican Consulate strongly connecting as other Mexican restaurants, be open with Mexican diaspora in Oregon. In to explore somebody else recipes, my 2014 Garcia changed her career path and recipes, Yolanda's and Juanita's recipes, opened Revolucion Coffee House, the first my lovely kitchen crew. Mexican- inspired coffeeshop in Portland.





Maria had a strong business until upheaval. "I was holding onto the place "I'm from Mexico City, a cosmopolitan in Portland for a while, but nothing improved. I relied on people to come to work every day since my business was types of food there. I wanted our menu surrounded by offices, but that dynamic changed since 2020" Garcia said. "What once was a vibrant and busy

'Yolotl' is a Nahuatl word, still spoken neighborhood all the sudden changed. didn't feel safe, and it was not safe for my employees anymore."

A Happy Valley resident, Garcia still style coffee (Cafe de Olla) and when the opportunity at Crossroads East ready to drink Mexican coffee will be launched in spring of 2024.

"Our menu at Yolotl reflects where full of flavor and textures. I love our moles, and stews. Traditional Mexican all over Mexico, it varies from family to family, grandma's recipes are always highly valued. So, if you come to



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First Green scores a HOLE-IN-ONE at Persimmon Country Club introduces The First Green: an innovative and STEM education outreach program.

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY For Pamplin Media Group

Last month we detailed "The First Green" program, communicating how it impacts young students from around the county while demonstrating the positive effect golf courses can have on a community. Now, having experienced the event firsthand at Persimmon Country Club, it's clear that perhaps this event had a positive effect on more than just the students from Christ the King.

It was a warm, sunny Monday morning on June 5th as we watched the First Green team prepare for their soon-to-arrive visitors from Christ the King. However, one question we had going into the field trip: How would these community leaders hold the attention of a bunch of fifth graders, especially when considering they were on the verge of a long summer vacation? Surprisingly, we forgot the power of visual learning and how influential it can be to such young and powerful minds.

The First Green, designed as an innovative environmental and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and into three stations, breaking

Math) education outreach program, set up the royal carpet near the members-only practice facility, anxiously awaiting the arrival of their guests. Led by Persimmon Superintendent Mark Miller, this event also received help from some notable roles in

David Phipps, the Northwest seeing as I haven't done this region representative for the before" stressed Miller before GČSAA, Stan Presley, a turf realizing the positive impact his specialist with the Wilbur- demonstrations were having. "I Ellis Company, Alexis Wenker, have two children of my own OGCSA executive director, Zach Lacey, General Manager ently about the positive impact of Persimmon, Rick McAbery, head mechanic at Persimmon, and Dave Eichenlaub, the



Reading the obstacles: A round of mini golf and pizza to end one successful field trip.

Assistant Superintendent. each kid test the moisture in the However, did this cause "too many cooks in the kitchen"? Shockingly... no.

The event was organized up the students

into three differ-"I think we ent groups along with accompanyexposed them ing chaperones. to things that The first station, maybe they had led by Miller and Lacey, took never really place on the hole thought about." #2 green, where students learned – Mark Miller, Persimmon CC about soil and Superintendent moisture levels in the ground.

'There were a the golf industry, including lot of things I was worried about now so I think a little differprograms like these can have in the next 10-15 years."

From cutting cups to letting it well here."

ground, Miller demonstrated the care that goes into every square inch of a golf course. He even let them test out their super hose which caused a line longer than a Disneyland attraction.

Station two was led by Presley and Wenker, teaching students about measurements and the ways math can actually have an impact on their future endeavors, breaking an age-old stereotype involving the uselessness of numbers. They even got to play in the bunker... the one time where maybe it's OK to end up in the sand. Even more impressive? The impact this demonstration had on the parent chaperones.

"I didn't realize how hands-on and involved the kids were going to be during this trip," says Devon Gonzales, a parent chaperone. "Getting the kids out of the classroom and involved in outdoor spaces is so important, plus showing these kids how they're gonna utilize math in their future jobs is not an easy task and they're doing



Leaders of The First Green hold court: Miller and crew explain the day's events to the arriving fifth-grade students of Christ the King.

The third station, before the students of Christ the King were dismissed for pizza and a putting party on the practice green, involved McAbery and Eichenlaub back at the shop, where students were given demonstrations on the tools and machines that go into maintaining a golf course.

"The shop was so neat and organized," said teacher Lindy Hafemann before cracking a small joke. "To see all this in action is so neat. Communicating with accuracy in a clean environment was something we've been struggling with all year. I knew there'd be math and science involved today but maybe now they'll clean their desks!"

While perhaps overstimulated at first, we can assure vou these fifth graders left Persimmon with more than just full bellies from pizza. They left with knowledge, curiosity, and perhaps just enough insight to make them want to pick up a set of clubs down the road.

"I think we exposed them



Turf-tec to the rescue: Superintendent Mark Miller lets the students test the moisture in the ground.

never really thought about," much water we put out to how to things that maybe they had a golf course works from how really surprised them."

says Miller. "Just seeing how we mow each and every day

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Purple Heart

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attended Benson Tech High School, an all-boys school at the time and graduated in 1966. Once finishing high school, he entered his name in the draft, with no other thought or plan. My thoughts at the time to go into the service and get out as quick as I could and go on with my life," he said. "So, I chose to let them draft me and a year and a half out, I was drafted.'

At just 19 years old, Sala was inducted into the military on March 27th of 1968 at Fort Lewis, Washington. When he entered the draft, he knew that after training he was going to be fighting on the ground in Vietnam. "Almost everybody that got drafted with me went into infantry except for one person," he said. "That's what we got when we signed up, we didn't have a choice." Three short months after training, Sala was shipped to Vietnam.

Being an infantry soldier in the Vietnam War, Sala's endeavors were nothing short of difficult. "We patrolled our base, LZ (land- and his wife are celebrating 51 years ing zone) Cork that could only be of marriage in October.

reached by helicopter," he said. "Our mission was to guard our base and make contact with the North Vietnam Army soldiers.'

On the night of January 21st, 1969, at 11:30 P.M., contact was made, and Sala's life was never the same. "During my company's rotation at my station, the NVA's threw an RPG close to my area," he said. "We were the unfortunate ones." As a result of the attack, he received fragmentation wounds to both his legs and his back and suffered artery damage and was immediately airlifted to a field hospital. "It seemed like forever that we waited," he said. "It only took about an hour though until it was safe for the choppers to get me and my buddies out of there.

It was right then and there in the field hospital that he was given his purple heart medal. From the field hospital he went to two different hospitals: Camron Bay, Vietnam for two weeks and the Army Hospital in Japan for around on month. Once he was well enough, Sala went home. Though his outlook on life changed indefinitely.

When he returned in March 1970, almost two years to the date of his military induction, Sala married his high school sweetheart, Judith, and went on to have two daughters, Michelle and Sarah. This year, he



Steven Sala's many badges



Help us highlight the spirit and values of Happy Valley



Crowd favorite, Hit Machine, will play all the hits as you mingle with friends, neighbors, and first responders.

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County Sheriff deputies, and firefighters from Clackamas Fire District #1. Residents are encouraged to check out emergency vehicles and rigs, test out the sirens, and ask lots of questions! City Councilors, City staff and members of the Traffic and **Public Safety Committee** will also be available to meet and engage with.

The event will offer an evening of summer fun that includes food, educational and interactive safety booths, and live musical entertainment. Enjoy popular cover band, Hit Machine, as the community comes together to pay tribute to our local safety heroes. Once the sun goes down, residents will have a chance to enjoy a laser light show set to fun, upbeat music.

Getting to know your neighbors is one of the best ways to fight crime. A neighborhood that is connected is more likely to recognize suspicious activity and look out for one another. Residents are more apt to notice when something is amiss and because relationships are strong, are much more likely to speak up about a concern because communicating with neighbors is already a familiar process. National Night Out reinforces this notion and can



Visit with deputies and meet some of our local emergency responders while checking out their vehicles.



Stop by a variety of educational safety booths packed with vital information for you and your family.

be a great catalyst for encouraging neighbors to get acquainted Through this annual event, neighbors and safety representatives have an opportunity to share contact information, problem solve challenges, and get to know one another better.

Food and beverages, including wine and beer, can be

purchased at the event. The City strongly encourages neighborhoods and HOA's to attend this event together in efforts to promote camaraderie and share in the experience. For more information about National Night Out, head

to www.happyvalleyor.gov/

national-night-out.

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We invite you to include anecdotes in your story proposal that are funny, astonishing, heartwarming, and inspiring. If we think your story or event 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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Youth Picture Books

The Nature Journal: A Backyard Adventure

by Savannah Allen Tim is inspired to go on back-

yard adventures and record all the things he finds in a nature journal to share with his busy dad.

Summer is for Cousins

by Rajani LaRocca; illustrated by Abhi Alwar

Ravi spends summer vacation with his cousins, sharing in all their favorite activities.

When you Can Swim

by Jack Wong

Follow a diverse cast of children and families as they experience the joy of learning to swim and enjoying water in the natural world.

Kids Fiction

Big Tree

by Brian Selznick

Sycamore seed siblings Merwin and Louise must use their wits to navigate a mysterious and often dangerous world, filled with talking plants, monsters, and the fear of never finding the right conditions to set down roots and become big trees in this epic adventure for the whole family.

The Firefly Summer

by Morgan Matson

Over the course of one unforgettable summer-filled with s'mores, swimming, adventure, and even a decades-old mystery to solve-Ryanna discovers a whole new side of herself and learns that sometimes the last place you expected to be is the place where you really belong.

Odder

by Katherine Applegate

When Odder, a fearless and curious Otter, comes face-to-face with a hungry great white shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about herself--and about the humans who hope to save her. Inspired by the Monterey Bay Aquarium program for orphaned



Happy Place by Emily Henry

Despite breaking up months earlier, a picture-perfect couple still haven't told their friends about the split and attempt to pretend they are still together at an annual Maine getaway in the new novel from the best-selling author of Book Lovers.



Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding generalalso known as her tough-as-talons mother-has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away ... because dragons don't bond to "fragile" humans. They incinerate them.

Really Good Actually by Monica Heisy

Determined to embrace her new life as a "Surprisingly Young Divorcée," 29-year-old Maggie, with the help of her tough-loving academic advisor, her newly divorced friend and her group chat, barrels through her first year of singledom, searching for what truly makes her happy.

Symphony of Secrets by Brendan Slocumb

Music professor Bern Hendricks discovers a shocking secret about the most famous American composer of all time-his music may have been stolen from a Black Jazz Age prodigy named Josephine Reed. Determined to uncover the truth that a powerful organization wants to keep hidden, Bern will stop at nothing to right history's wrongs and give Josephine the recognition she deserves.

Bad Summer People by Emma Rosenblum

Idder

Emma Rosenblum's Bad Summer People is a whip-smart, propulsive debut about infidelity, backstabbing, and murderous intrigue, set against an exclusive summer haven on Fire Island. None of them would claim to be a particularly good person. But even



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Youth Programs

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For Kids and Families

Fun in the Park

Centennial Park, Damascus Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27, 10 a.m. - noon Village Green Park Fridays, July 14, 21, 28, 10 a.m. - noon Drop in for crafts, activities, and playtime.

LEGO: Let's Build

Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. - noon Thursday, July 27, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. For K-5th graders and their grownups. Drop in for some LEGO building fun.

Family Concerts

Village Green Park

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. July 29: Take a journey through nature with Jessa Campbell and the Saplings Aug. 8: Experience the power of traditional

Japanese drumming with En Taiko **Tweens & Teens**

Creature Teachers

Wednesday, July 12, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Teens can get up close with some amazing reptiles shared by Shanti of the Creature Teachers.

Anime & Manga Club

Crafternoon: Beachy Fun

Thursday, July 21, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays, July 13 & Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Hang out with fellow fans. Chat, browse new

manga, eat snacks, and watch anime. For grades

String-Along

Sundays, July 9 & 23, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

and other catastrophic diseases.

When teens finish their reading record,

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would like their reading to support. Get

reading teens - it's for a good cause!

Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians. Adults of all skill levels are invited to drop in and play some music in a casual, jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

Let's Hike!

Wednesday, July 12, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Join the Happy Valley Hikers on generally easy, flat, and family-friendly hikes all summer long! Note: the group does leave on time, so come a little early to meet up under the pavilion at Village Green Park, across from the Library.

How To: Cultural Pass Express

Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Looking for free, fun things to do with the family this summer? Attend our information session on how you can get instant online passes for free admission to local museums, gardens, and other local venues.

Art in the Park: Floral Art with Home Grown **Flowers**

Sunday, July 16 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Learn how to make beautiful floral arrangements for your tablescapes or floral art interior decorations with Ann-Flour Copine. This workshop will focus on creating beautiful tablescapes with organic materials and flowers. All materials and tools will be provided. Each participant will take home their own creations. Registration required.

Concerts in the Park: Big Yellow Taxi

Friday, July 28, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Art in the Park: Tie Dyed Totes

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a free concert sponsored by the Friends of Happy Valley Library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and join us for a music-filled evening!

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Young Teen Fiction

The Carrefour Curse

by Dianne K. Salerni

When twelve-year-old Garnet finally meets her magical extended family, she discovers they're all trapped in the ruins of their crumbling manor and Garnet must break a curse that has decimated the family in this fun, creepy mystery.

A First Time for Everything

by Dan Santat

Bestselling author and artist Dan Santat shares his awkward middle school years and a trip to Europe that changed his life in this graphic memoir filled with humor and heart.

The Sun and the Star

by Rick Riordan and Mark Oshiro

Demigods Nico di Angelo, the son of Hades, and Will Solace, the son of Apollo, find their relationship tested to the core as they endure the terrors of Tartarus, the lowest part of the Underworld, to save an old friend.

Teen Fiction

Blood Debts

by Terri Benton-Walker

Cristina and Clement, 16-yearold twin heirs to a powerful, magical, dethroned family in New Orleans, must find a way to trust each other and their family's magic to solve a decade's old murder and stop another massacre from destroying the city.

Stateless

by Elizabeth Wein

Stella North is one of twelve young pilots competing in a 1937 air race meant to promote peace in Europe, but when one of her competitors is sabotaged, Stella races to determine who is capable of murder, and who might be the next victim.

When You Wish upon a Lantern by Gloria Chao

To save her family's struggling lantern store, Liya secretly fulfills the wishes people write on the lanterns they send into the sky and, in doing so, rekindles her friendship with Kai, which unexpectedly leads to something more.

with plenty to gossip about, this season starts out as quietly as any other. Until a body is discovered, face down, off the side of the boardwalk.

Adult Non-Fiction

The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, **Mutiny and Murder** by David Grann

In this tale of shipwreck, survival and savagery, the #1 New York Times best-selling author of Killers of the Flower Moon recounts the events on His Majesty's Ship The Wager, a British vessel that left England in 1740 on a secret mission, resulting in a court martial that revealed a shocking truth.

Life in Five Senses: How Exploring the Senses Got Me Out of My Head and into the World by Gretchen Rubin



philosophy, literature and her own efforts to practice what she learns, the #1 New York Times best-selling author of The Happiness Project offers profound insights and practical suggestions for heightening our senses and using our powers of perception to live richer lives.

Quietly Hostile

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by Samantha Irby

In this much-anticipated new collection of hilarious essays, the beloved #1 New York Times bestselling author takes us on another outrageously funny tour of all the gory details that make up the true portrait of a life behind the screenshotted depression memes.

The Teachers: A Year Inside America's Most Vulnerable, **Important Profession** by Alexandra Robbins

account of three teachers, combined with reporting that reveals what's really going on behind school doors, by New York Times bestselling author and education expert Alexandra Robbins.

What If? 2: Additional Serious **Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions** by Randall Munroe

Filled with crazy science, endless curiosity and the author's signature stick-figure comics, this practical guide for impractical ideas consults the latest research to concisely answer reader's questions, demonstrating you can learn a lot from examining how the world might work in very specific extreme circumstances.



Life

Let's Make Comics! Thursday, July 28, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

6-12.

Village Green Park

Love comics? Let's hang out and draw together. No experience (or talent!) necessary. Supplies provided.

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Adult Programs

Mah Jongg

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▲ En Taiko is scheduled to perform Aug. 8.

Summer Reading is happening now!

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Summer reading is especially important for youth, as it supports their continued learning over the summer and prevents "the summer slide," i.e., the loss of skills gained during the school year. Kids who complete their reading record can turn it in during August for a prize book of their choosing. One of the



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Beloved Library Director, **Doris Grolbert, to retire**

fter 42 years, you might think that a library director would be set in their ways. Not so with Happy Valley Library Director, Doris Grolbert, who continued to lead her library with a proactive, creative, and practical approach throughout her tenure. Her leadership was pivotal in creating and passing the LINCC Libraries District in 2008, planning and designing the library's current space, and envisioning an expansion of the library to meet the growing needs of the community. And now, after all that hard work, Doris is checking out (pun intended) and retiring!

"I appreciated Doris's advocacy for libraries, along with her practical nature in finding solutions. Her institutional knowledge of the County's Libraries and her wisdom will leave a void for all of us as she retires," shared West Linn Library Director Doug Erickson. "We came to rely on Doris for information, guidance, and always a muchneeded laugh."

While the Happy Valley Library has changed locations and names many times over the years, those changes are superficial when compared to the work that happens inside the library. Doris could often easily moves between her be found in the stacks moving collections around, brainstorming with staff about new outreach ideas, or chipping in

Happy Valley Library as the its welcoming atmosphere,



After 42 years of service, Happy Valley Library Director, Doris Grolbert, will retire. Be sure to drop by the library to wish her well as she begins a new chapter of her own.

"We are happy for Doris,

but know we are losing a

County Libraries Director

(and former employee) Mitzi

ment, as she leaves a Library

that is the treasured gem of the

In the hearts and minds of

those who have worked with

her, and the community served by the libraries she has led

over the years, Doris leaves a

legacy of commitment, prob-

lem-solving, and laughter.

community."

community living room," dynamic programs, and robust noted Ben Bryant, Assistant collections. City Manager. "More than just envisioning the physical space, great leader, mentor, and role Doris understood the needs of our community and utilized model," shared Clackamas the space to provide services, programs, and collections that Olson. "Doris should have a make a difference to all who walk inside the doors at the great sense of accomplishlibrary.'

Staff would note that she two catch phrases: "What can I do for you?" and "Go forth and do good things!" Empowered with this support to help check-in during rushes. and trust, the staff has helped "We often think of the the library become known for







Library mascot, Gladys the Goose, is on the loose, hiding in different public spaces in our area!

ach week from July 11 through August 14, Gladys, our library goose mascot, will travel to a different public space in our area. Once you've spotted Gladys, you can enter her location for a chance to win one of our weekly prize drawings. Kids can also stop by the Children's Desk to claim her current location in exchange for a stamp in a special Gladys Passport.

Think you can track down our beloved library goose? Look for weekly clues Tuesdays on our website at go.lincc.org/hvgoosechase. For extra fun, pick up a Wild Goose Chase Passport at the library to keep track of your Gladys sightings!

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Keeping your lawn free of weeds involves many choices-some are hazardous to our families, pets, and waterways.

Safest

Annually aerate, de-thatch and over-seed bare spots in spring. This will keep the lawn dense and healthy, which keeps out weeds. Use a long-handled weed removal tool for easy weed removal. Fertilize only in fall with a slow release fertilizer, if at all.

Next Best

If you choose a weed or insect control product, look for the OMRI label which helps identify less hazardous chemicals. Always read and follow the label, as even natural/ organic products can be harmful. Only apply products when multiple dry days are forecast. Spot spray only the individual weeds you really can't live with!

Important Measures You Can Take

Do not apply pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers under windy conditions, or when rain, snow or hail is predicted within the next 48 hours.

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JULY 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING

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

PARKS & REC EVENTS

Skyhawks Sports Camps See registration pages for camp locations.

Mini-Hawk

(baseball, basketball & soccer) Jul. 17 - Jul. 21, 9 a.m.-noon, \$155 • Ages 4-6

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Baseball, basketball, and soccer are taught in a safe, structured

environment filled with encouragement and fun.

Multi-Sport

(baseball, basketball & soccer) Jul. 17 - Jul. 21, 9 a.m.-noon, \$155 • Jul. 17 - Jul. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$269 • Ages 7-12

Our multi-sport program is designed to introduce athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. We'll combine soccer, basketball, and soccer into a series of clinics.

Soccer

Jul. 24 - Jul. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Ages 6-12 • \$155 -Half Day 9 a.m.-noon • \$269 – Full Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Developed over 30 years, this is the number one soccer camp for parents looking to introduce their children to the fundamentals of the world's most popular sport.

Tennis

Jul. 24 - Jul. 28, 9 a.m.-noon • Aug. 07 - Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 6-12 • \$155

In Skyhawks tennis programs, players learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves during a series of drills designed to teach skills in a fun and dynamic way.

Outdoor Volleyball

Jul. 10 – Jul. 14, 9 a.m.-noon • Jul. 24 – Jul. 28, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 6-12 • \$155

All aspects of volleyball are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting, and serving.

Outdoor Basketball

Jul. 10 - Jul. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Ages 6-12 • \$155

This fun, skill-intensive program focuses on fundamental skills like dribbling, passing, shooting, and rebounding. Participants will also partake in drills and games.

Cheerleading

Aug. 7 - Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 6-12 • \$155

No stunting in this entry level program-just a big focus on fun while each cheerleader learns proper hand and body movements, and jumping techniques. The week concludes with a choreographed performance.

Flag Football Aug. 7 - Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-3p.m. • Ages 6-10 • \$269

Campers will learn skills like passing, catching, and de-flagging or defensive positioning - all presented in a fun and positive environment. The week ends with the Skyhawks Super Bowl, giving participants a chance to showcase their skills on the gridiron

Soccer Shots Summer Clinics

See registration pages for program locations.

Soccer-Mini Thursdays, June 15 - Aug. 17, 3:10 p.m.-3:40 p.m. • Sundays, June 18 - Aug. 27, 3:10 p.m.-3:40 p.m. • Ages 2-3 • \$199



Venvino Art Studios -

In Studio Classes All art classes will be held at Venvino Art Studios located at 13329 SE Misty Drive

Weekly Art Enrichment

SCAN ME!

Program Jul. 1 - Jul. 29, 9 a.m.-11a.m. • Saturday Ages 4-8 • \$30/ 2-hour session

Kids can drop in at the studio for

some fun structured crafts and art play!

Create and Learn Series – Clay Wind Chimes July 7, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. • Friday

Ages 16+ • \$25/ 2-hour session Wind chimes are a wonderful sound that can soothe and relax you. We'll teach you how to create your own oneof-a-kind clay wind chime that can be customized to any color or shape you want. No experience is necessary.

Create and Learn Series – Sugar Scrub Making

Aug. 4, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. • Friday Ages 16+ • \$25/ 2-hour session

Sugar scrubs leave your skin smoother, brighter, and more radiant. We will teach you how to make a basic sugar scrub that you can customize with your own scents.

Coyle Outside Summer Camps Location: Happy Valley Park

Intro to Wilderness Survival July 24-July 28, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Monday - Friday Ages 8-12 • \$308

No prerequisites needed. Learn the basics of thriving in the wild. Campers learn confidence, initiative, communi-

cation, and common sense through fun games and survival scenarios in teams and on

their own. Skills taught include making shelters, fire building, cordage, navigation, knots, traps, primitive skills and more.

Engineering For Kids Summer Camps

Camps will be held at Happy Valley Annex - 12519 SE King Rd.

Twisted Fairy Tales

July 24 - July 28, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 4-7 • \$229 Design a getaway vehicle for the heroine from Kate and the Beanstalk, help The Three Billy Goats Fluff devise a method to cross the bridge quietly and not wake the Troll, and construct an edible reef entirely from candy to protect The Three Little Fish from the Big Bad Shark.

Civil Engineering: Strategic Structure July 24 - July 28, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. • Ages 7-12 • \$229

In this camp, students will learn how to engineer while being mindful of the forces acting upon a structure, such as bending, compression, torsion, and shear. They will learn that shape and materials selection are critical to the success of towers, bridges, and highways.

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Location: Happy Valley Park Gazebo Each day, kids will do several take-home art projects. We will also play games, read stories, and socialize.

Venvino Art Studios aint & Play

Animal Kingdom July 10 - July 11, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday Ages 5-10 • \$175 Get ready to make and create lots of projects



July 17 - July 18, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday • Ages 5-10 • \$175

Who knows what you might find as you create art

Kindness is the key to fun. We are going to have so much fun painting and creating all things inspired by

July 31 - Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday • Ages 5-10 • \$175

Utilize your green thumb as you create garden art décor.

Just Kids Skills Summer Camps

Location: See registration page for details

Multi-Sport Camp July 10 - July 13 • July 31 - Aug. 3 • Aug. 21 - Aug. 24 • Monday - Thursday • Ages 6-12 • \$149.95 - Half Day 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • \$179.95 - Full Day 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Campers can choose daily between non-contact football, soccer, or basketball as they participate in sports skills and agility training, wacky games, and nutrition.

Pickleball Camp

July 24 - July 27, 9 a.m. - noon • Monday - Thursday • Ages 6-12 • \$119.95 Learn the sport that has taken the nation by storm! Campers will build their pickleball skills through fun alongside new friends.

Baseball Camp

Aug. 7 - Aug. 10, 9 a.m. - noon • Monday - Thursday • Ages 6-12 • \$119.95 Campers will gain and grow their baseball skills with fun activities designed to build confidence and love of the game.

RECS Pickleball

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

Open Play

Monday - Friday, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. • Ages 65+ • \$2 Are you age 65+ and looking for others to play pickleball with? Join the fun at RECS as you learn the game, perfect your skills, and meet other residents interested in this popular sport.

Weekly Teen Beginner Pickleball Camp

July 10 - July 14, noon-2:30 p.m. • July 17 - July 20, noon-2:30 p.m. • July 24 - July 28, noon-2:30 p.m. • July 31 - Aug. 4, noon-2:30 p.m. • Aug. 7 - Aug. 11, noon-2:30 p.m. • Ages 9-13 • \$295

This is for kids who haven't played pickleball or are still learning the rules and basics of serving, returning of serve, how to hold a paddle, etc. Every day will include the introduction of new concepts and techniques, as well as some repetition of basic skills.

Weekly Teen Intermediate Pickleball Camp

July 10 – July 14, noon-2:30 p.m. • July 17 – July 20, noon-2:30 p.m. • July 24 – July 28, noon-2:30 p.m. • July 31 – Aug. 4, noon-2:30 p.m. • Aug. 7 – Aug. 11, noon-2:30 p.m. • Ages 9-13 • \$295



Engineering

For Kids







Kindness

inspired by our prehistoric pals.

July 24 – July 25, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday • Ages 5-10 • \$175

Through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

Soccer-Classic

Thursdays, June 15 - Aug. 17

• 3:55 p.m.-4:30 p.m., ages 3-4 • 4:45 p.m.-5:20 p.m., ages 4-5 Sundays, Jun. 18 - Aug. 27 • 3:55 p.m.-4:30 p.m., ages 3-4 • 4:45 p.m.-5:20 p.m., ages 4-5

\$199

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Soccer-Premier

Thursdays, June 15 - Aug. 17, 5:35 p.m.-6:20 p.m. Sundays, Jun. 18 - Aug. 27, 5:35 p.m.-6:20 p.m. Ages 5-7 • \$199

Soccer Shots Premier focuses on individual skill, fitness. and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction.

Blood Drive – Happy

Valley Community Church Location: 10601 SE 129th Ave. Monday, July 24, 12:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Register online: www.redcrossblood.org



Upcoming Blood Drive at Happy Valley Community Church

Monday, July 24th 12:30pm-6:30pm

To schedule your appointment or for more information, call 1-800-RED-CROSS OR visit www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor Code: HappyValleyComm

Let's Connect!

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Website - www. happyvalleyor,gov/ parks



Interested in teaching a class for Happy Valley Parks and Classes will be held at Happy **Recreation?**

Yoga in the Park Know of a skilled instructor with talents July 9 - Aug. 13, 4 p.m.-5 p.m. to share? Whether you have expertise in • Sunday • Ages 18+ • fitness, the arts, or a relevant topic of study, we want to hear from you. We are proud \$60 for 6-class series

Yoga in the park is a fun vinyasa flow class that is great for beginners and experienced yogis alike. We will connect with breath. quiet the mind, and get our bodies moving while enjoying the outdoors. Bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.

Leapfrog Yoga

Valley Park

\$15/class •

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Skate Like a Girl **Skateboard Camps**

Location: Happy Valley Park Skatepark

All Gender Skate Camp Aug. 7 - Aug. 11, 8 a.m.-noon • Monday - Friday • Ages 6-13 • \$299

This camp is for skateboarders of all skill levels, whether they are looking to learn the basics, progress their techniques, or learn new tricks. Along the way, skaters will make new friends, learn life skills through our SHRED curriculum, and connect with caring staff and volunteers.

Girls & Gender Expansive Camp Jul. 31-Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-noon • Aug. 14 - Aug. 18, 8 a.m.-noon Monday - Friday • Ages 6-16 • \$299

This camp is an exclusive space for girls, trans, non-binary and/ or gender expansive skateboarders ages 6-16 of all skill levels. Learn the basics, progress techniques, or learn new tricks! Along the way, skaters will make new friends, learn life skills through our SHRED curriculum, and connect with caring staff and volunteers.

HV Hikers – Get out and Move

http://www.hvhikers.com/

HV Hikers are back in action! Their goal is to encourage you to experience the beauty of the area, to get a little exercise, and to make new friends. All hikes are free, no RSVP required. Be sure to visit the HV Hikers newly updated webpage for a calendar view of all upcoming group hikes.

This is for kids who HAVE played pickleball before, and understand the rules and pickleball Every day will include the introduction of new concepts, techniques, and strategy, as well as critical skill and technique development.

My Gym in The Park! All classes held at Happy Valley Park.



Parent and Me Class

Jul. 6 – Jul. 27, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. • Friday • Ages 1 ½ - 3 ½ • \$80 per 4 weeks

Grown-up participation required. Your child will sing, dance, and play games as they build strength and agility, and boost their self-confidence and self-esteem.

Mighty Mites

Jul. 6 - Jul. 27, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. • Friday • Ages 3 ½ - 5 ½ • \$80 per 4 weeks

Some kids may require grown-up participation. In this program, you'll see your child's strength, flexibility, and agility increase as our teachers coach the kids through relays, basic gymnastics, and sports skills.

Traveling RecMobile! Play Happy, Be Happy!

We're going on the road with a traveling playground! Join our Parks and Rec crew at select parks throughout the valley as our staff host free games, sports, crafts, and other outdoor activities! Stay tuned for a posted travel schedule on our website at www.



Summer Community Events 2023

Location: See event webpages for specific event details

Summer Concerts in the Valley

July 13 - Aug. 24, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • Every Thursday

The community gets a front row seat to some of the best musical acts in town as Concerts in the Valley enters its 25th season. For more details, turn to page 1 or visit happyvalleyor.gov/summer-concerts-2023

National Night Out

happyvalleyor.gov/parks

Aug. 1, 6 p.m.-Dark • Tuesday

Join your Happy Valley neighbors for National Night Out, a nationwide event that serves to build relationships between residents and first responders. The event includes educational and interactive safety booths, and live musical entertainment. Learn more at happyvalleyor.gov/nationalnight-out or head to page 1.

10% OFF RENTALS AT NEXT ADVENTURE

The City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is excited to partner with Next Adventure to offer residents 10% off their next equipment rental. Whatever your needs might be this summer, as you plan your next trip up

the mountain, make sure to scan the QR Code shown here to take 10% off one rental item and secure it for pick-up. Discount offer available at the Next Adventure Sandy store location at: 38454 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy, OR 97055. This store is open 7 days a week, Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. & Sat-Sun: 6:30 a.m.- 7 p.m.



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Adventures Without Limits

Summer Trips Location: View registration for meeting

location details. **Multi-Day Deschutes**

River Rafting Trip July 28 - July 30, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Friday - Sunday • Ages 6+ • \$750 Adults 12+ • \$695 Youth under 12

Grab a paddle, push off from shore and join our expert guides for the next two nights as we navigate rapids, float between canyon walls, and fall asleep beneath the stars. *AWL provides all of the paddling and safety equipment necessary.

Paddleboard Estacada Lake Aug. 5, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. • Saturday • Ages 6+ • \$85

This relaxing paddle travels

along a forest-lined river. It's not uncommon to spot osprey, eagles, and other wildlife from the river. This paddle is great for beginners or those looking for a tranquil paddle on flat water. *AWL provides all the paddling and safety equipment necessary.









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> SAMANTHA Clackamas High School





"The grantmaking process has taught me to lean into discomfort and carry the shared trauma, but also to act responsibly as a leader in my community. "

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