

## 2023 Year in Review

The Happy Valley News invites you to take a look back at the events, celebrations, programs & people from the past year

By CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY  
AND PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP

It's been quite a year in the Valley! And to celebrate, we're counting down our top community events, celebrations, programs & people from this past year that make Happy Valley such a special place!

### Teens connect, share ideas at 5th annual Oregon Youth Summit

In February, the Happy Valley Youth Council joined other young leaders from around the state at the Oregon Youth Summit at Hidden Creek Community Center in Hillsboro. After a virtual Summit in 2021 and a break in 2022, the Summit resumed in person to discuss a variety of important topics. This year, the Happy Valley Youth Council teamed up with the Hillsboro Youth

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Fitz, a winner of the youth pie eating contest, was all smiles at Oktoberfest.  
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## Preserving the Past

A Happy Valley Grade School history book from 1969 makes long journey to City Hall

By EMMA DAVIS  
Pamplin Media Group

In Happy Valley, preservation of its history is important. Recently, resident Ken Bailey and frequent Happy Valley hiker Elaine Huber discovered individual copies of a 1969 fifth-grade class history book made by students from Happy Valley Grade School, providing the city with a sentimental memento. These finds took an even more special turn when city councilor, Brett Sherman, found Susanne Beutler who was one of the original fifth graders who had helped with the book's research, writing, and illustration. Susanne's memories and Ken and Elaine's want for the books' safe-keeping highlight the importance it is to be preserving Happy Valley's history.



ELAINE HUBER



KEN BAILEY

The connection that links Susanne, Ken, and Elaine forms a story that not only gives a glimpse into the city's past but also shows the ties that bring together Happy Valley's past to present, reflecting the city's continuous journey in history.

Ken Bailey, a proud Oregonian, happened upon a book that would eventually reveal an intriguing chapter of the town's history during a chance discovery at a neighborhood garage sale. Walking up the steep driveway where it was tucked among other things for sale, Bailey felt the find was special and knew he had to buy it right then and there and share it with his community.

Much like Bailey, Huber also carries the belief in the importance of preserving local history. Huber, from Vancouver, Washington, but a frequent visitor of Happy Valley, found her copy of the book at the Salvisburg home on 145th Street. While there, she talked to some of the Salvisburg children and learned that the original owner of the book, Verl Salvisburg, was an avid book collector and came across it one day to add to his collection; until Huber found it and brought it back to the city.

City Councilor, Brett Sherman, finds it important to learn from the past and reflect on the city's history whenever possible. When the two reached out to him with their copies of the book and their want to get it into the right hands, he welcomed their stories and admired their willingness to contribute to the public's education on history.

Huber, Bailey, and Sherman all also believe that the discovery of the 1969 book could give residents a different perspective to show the connection of history to how it has changed or what's stayed the same. "We look at history through rose-colored glasses and quite often we all yearn for the 'good old days,' but when you think about it, we aren't any different than today," he said. "There are good things and bad things at all points in time, so their discoveries made that real, just that glimpse into the 1969 Happy Valley through the eyes of 5th graders."

While Sherman and a team of his started to do more research, they found artist, Susanne Beutler, one of

## Embracing the Winter Wonderland: FUN IN THE VALLEY

By EMMA DAVIS  
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As winter wraps its icy embrace around the Pacific Northwest, the Portland and Happy Valley areas transform into enchanting wonderlands, offering a plethora of activities that make the cold weather more than just bearable — they make it downright enjoyable. From snow-covered landscapes to festive city lights, this region beckons residents and visitors alike to

embrace the season with open arms. Let's explore the delightful tapestry of fun winter activities awaiting those eager to experience the magic.

### 1. Skiing and Snowboarding at Mount Hood:

Nestled just east of Portland, Mount Hood stands as a beacon for winter sports enthusiasts. With its powdered slopes and breathtaking views, the mountain is a haven for both seasoned skiers and those eager to learn. The various ski resorts,

including Timberline Lodge, Ski Bowl and Mount Hood Meadows, cater to all skill levels, offering lessons, equipment rentals, and thrilling trails for an exhilarating day on the slopes.

### 2. Winter Hikes

Happy Valley, surrounded by lush forests and scenic landscapes, turns into a winter wonderland perfect for hiking. The hidden gems of winter trails offer an escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Try the Scouters Mountain Nature Park for a

family-friendly hike or venture into the Happy Valley Park for a more challenging experience.

### 3. Multnomah Falls and Columbia River Gorge:

Multnomah Falls, draped in icicles and surrounded by snow-covered trees, is a must-visit winter destination. A short drive from Portland, the Columbia River Gorge becomes a mesmerizing winter landscape.

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Venture through a winter farmer's market this season.

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# Wonderland

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offering a picturesque backdrop for a day trip. Bundle up and take a stroll to witness the falls' frozen beauty or embark on one of the nearby trails to immerse yourself in its beauty.

### 5. Winter Farmers' Markets:

While summer may be the prime season for farmers' markets, winter in Oregon brings its unique charm to these gatherings. The Portland Farmers Market thrives throughout the colder months, offering a delightful array of seasonal produce, artisanal crafts, and hot beverages. Happy Valley also joins the winter market scene, providing a cozy and community-oriented space to shop for local goods while savoring the winter spirit.

### 6. Ice Skating at the Winterhawks Skating Center:

Embrace the season's chill with a visit to the Winterhawks Skating Center in Beaverton, just a short drive from Happy Valley. Whether you're a seasoned skater or testing the ice for the first time, the rink offers a family-friendly environment for all ages. Glide across the ice, surrounded by festive music and the laughter of fellow skaters, creating memories that will warm your heart long after the skates



Hit the slopes and ski and snowboard on Mount Hood.

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come off.

Whether you seek the thrill of winter sports, the tranquility of nature, or the enchantment of holiday lights, the area invites you to discover the fun and beauty that awaits when

the temperature drops. So, bundle up, grab a warm drink, and embark on a winter journey filled with laughter, beauty, and unforgettable moments in the Pacific Northwest's winter experience.



COURTESY PHOTO

Test out your skating skills at a local ice rink.



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Visit the beauty of Multnomah Falls this winter.

# Past

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the book's original creators. To make it more interesting, a lot of it was research from her parents' stories they compiled from families in the area. "Much of the information included came from my mother and father's research of land grants and stories they gathered from the families who still lived in the valley in the 1960s," Beutler said.

Beutler's family plays a significant role in the history of the city as well, including her father and brother. "My father was first fire chief, and as a mechanical engineer he designed two fire trucks the station had built," she said. "My brother Mike tracked, purchased, and restored one of the original trucks and he has the original blueprints and notes, as well as other information on the history of the fire station."

With the findings of two of the books by Huber and Bailey and historical insight from Beutler, they were able to connect the past and the present of Happy Valley; strangers being connected by one common subject and that is to preserve its history. "They don't know each other, and they both reached out to me with the same book from 1969 and one of the students who contributed to creating the book too, so they share this unique and valuable connection," Sherman said. "That desire to preserve our history and to share it, it's kind of a cool thing."

Although the three are strangers, they contributed to something bigger than themselves: something that keeps the story of Happy Valley's past alive and will unify its residents for years to come. "The history of Happy Valley connects us all," he shared. "This all helps us identify our place in the world, by knowing where we came from, and with what Elaine and Ken found and Susanne's connection, it gives us a glimpse into the past and the foundation of our city."

If you want to see a copy of the book, it is on display at City Hall.



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# Les Schwab annual clinic helps residents prepare for winter travel

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Frequent visitors to mountainous or snowy regions are probably familiar with using chains and other traction devices. However, for those of us who only encounter occasional snow days in the Metro area, dealing with chains can be a perplexing task when it's time to retrieve them from wherever they were last stored. In anticipation of wintry road conditions, the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Department once again collaborated with local business Les Schwab Tire Center last month to provide residents with a complimentary tire check and chain installation clinic. The popular business hosted the fourth annual event at their Happy Valley location. Crew members provided step-by-step instruction on how to install tire chains and then gave participants an opportunity to practice attaching them independently.

On behalf of the City, we'd like to extend our thanks to Parks and Recreation and Happy Valley's Les Schwab store manager, Rob Herbel, and his team for helping coordinate this event.

Interested in learning more about how you can be prepared for winter weather in Happy Valley? Be sure to check out our designated inclement weather page online and if you still need your own vehicle traction devices, consider giving Les Schwab a call to book an appointment.












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# Pints with Purpose offers hope, warm meals for homebound seniors

City of Happy Valley

Through the Meals on Wheels People program, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation provides warm, nutritious meals to some of our community's most vulnerable seniors while offering friendly visits to those who may otherwise feel isolated or have difficulty getting out and about. To bring awareness to this vital cause, HV Parks and Recreation teamed up with local taphouses this past November to offer Pints with Purpose, a special campaign that raises funds for the City's Meals on Wheels People program.

Participating venues selected a beer to be designated for Pints with Purpose promotion and donated \$1 for every selected pint sold. The money raised aimed to make a positive impact on the lives of local seniors in need by providing well-balanced meals. Over the course



of the campaign, over \$1,800 was raised, all of which will go directly to Happy Valley's Meals on Wheels People program.

Recipients of the program are often on fixed incomes or lack the ability to shop for and prepare meals on their own. Meals are delivered by volunteers who not only bring the food, but also offer positive human interaction. These social contacts are vital to many of the program's recipients, who are typically homebound.

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

### STILL WANT TO HELP?

You can always give directly to the City's local Meals on Wheels People program by visiting our designated webpage at [www.happyvalleyor.gov/meals-on-wheels](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/meals-on-wheels) or scanning the QR code with your smart device. From there, you can submit a tax-deductible donation in the amount of your choice online. Your gift will support homebound seniors right here in Happy Valley who would otherwise not have consistent access to wholesome, nutritious meals.

## Highlighting OUR HEROES

City of Happy Valley and Pamplin Media Group

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

The City is encouraging you to reach out to us directly if interested and we additionally welcome nominations from family and friends. Please contact the City's Communication Specialist, Stephanie Warneke, at [swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov](mailto:swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov) or our Community Writer, Emma Davis at [edavis@pamplinmedia.com](mailto: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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COUNCIL CORNER

Community Center update

City of Happy Valley

The City Council is committed to following through with efforts to bring a formal community center to Happy Valley. Over the last couple of years, the city has gathered feedback through open surveys, focus groups, a resident-led Steering Committee, and the Parks Advisory Committee. More recently, the City used all the information we have collected and completed a statistically valid survey of Happy Valley residents.

This survey was done to gauge voter support for a community center, determine which amenities should be prioritized, and identify how the center should be utilized to meet the needs of the community. We enlisted the expertise of DHM Research this past October to help complete this comprehensive survey. DHM Research, well known for conducting scientifically valid surveys across the nation, led the review through live interview calls and text outreach, ensuring a diverse cross-section of Happy Valley residents participated and a representative sample was obtained to accurately gauge the community's sentiments.

We are pleased to report that the survey results were overwhelmingly positive. DHM reported that overall satisfaction with city services in Happy Valley is the highest they have seen compared

to other municipalities in Oregon. Specific to a community center, voters are very eager to bring that project to fruition.

A key takeaway from the survey revealed that residents are very eager to build a community center that will offer opportunities for everyone across the lifespan and provide year-round recreational activities. Additionally, the survey shed light on residents' eagerness

to see construction commence promptly, emphasizing the pressing need for a spacious, centralized space that caters to the community sooner rather than later.

The information generated by these survey results provides a solid foundation for us to begin taking the necessary next steps to bring such a landmark to Happy Valley. These active steps include reconvening with the

Parks Advisory and Community Center Steering Committees to discuss final amenity inclusions and reconnecting with potential community partners to explore possible ways to manage and maintain the building once it is constructed. As you may recall, last year, the City entered into an agreement to purchase 40 acres east of 172nd Avenue to provide the site for this future

construction. Stay tuned as we continue to move forward with bringing a community center to Happy Valley and provide updates on new developments. You can also learn more about this project, see the full survey results, and view artist renderings of the proposed community center design at [happyvalleyor.gov/community-center](http://happyvalleyor.gov/community-center).



An artist rendering shows an aerial view of a projected community center in Happy Valley.

The next Steering Committee meeting has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. to discuss the recent survey findings. Meeting will take place at City Hall.

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A NEW YEAR BEGINS



MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY  
Tom Ellis

January brings new beginnings for Happy Valley, and with that, there is much to look forward to.

With the support of City Council and dedicated staff members, the City has continued to find ways to improve livability and create the groundwork for future happenings. In the coming year, the City will continue to move forward with a range of projects. These activities include:

- Continued expansion of the Happy Valley Library
- Ongoing discussions and

planning for a future community center and park

- Continued planning for a future downtown

- Design improvements to widen and improve 172nd Ave.

- Continued work on the Superblock project and roundabout installation on 129th Ave./King Rd.

- Additional collaboration with developers to ensure new subdivisions and commercial centers provide parks, sidewalks, trails, and other amenities for the entire community to enjoy
- Installation of a new

permanent sculpture to be placed in the Veteran's Memorial

This list represents just some of the work the City vows to address. The City is unwavering in its dedication to being innovative yet steadfast to the small-town feel that defines our community. Our devoted staff is at the forefront of this effort, ensuring excellence in customer service as they work tirelessly to meet the diverse needs of our community. The City Council, in turn, promises to prioritize Happy Valley's best interests and advocate for initiatives that

promote livability, safety, and positive experiences for all residents. We're looking forward to continuing to collaborate with community partners and are excited for what this next year will bring.

As always, I am committed to working with residents. Residents provide a wealth of ideas and perspectives, and working in collaboration with the community is a major priority for me and the Council as this year moves forward.

Here's to a healthy and happy new year!

-Mayor Tom Ellis

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What would you do as mayor?

Local contest gives students a chance to pitch their big ideas

City of Happy Valley

Know a student with big ideas, a compassionate heart, and interest in making the community a better place? The City of Happy Valley is again participating in the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) If I were Mayor contest. Here, students are invited to share their creative ideas about how they would govern the City of Happy Valley. Winning entries from local contests throughout Oregon are then submitted to a statewide competition. Last year, Adriana Draskovic from Happy Valley Elementary and Lauren Puerta from Happy Valley Middle School were recognized for their winning submissions at the City level.

If I Were Mayor gives students the opportunity to take a closer look at their community and share their thoughts about safety, the environment, health, social services, youth programs and anything else they think is vital to the City. For students, this is a great way

to stay connected to learning and spark some creativity. For all the details, including contest guidelines and how to submit an entry, simply head to happyvalleyor.gov/if-i-were-mayor or scan the QR code with your smart device. The deadline to submit entries is 5 p.m. Friday, Mar. 1.

GENERAL CONTEST FORMAT

There are three categories based on student grade:

- Elementary School (grades 4-5) – Poster
- Middle School (grades 6-8) – Essay
- High school (grades 9-12) – Digital Media Presentation

Mayor on Campus

This contest is a great way for local schools and classes to connect with the City. Principals and teachers are encouraged to reach out to the City's Communications and Public Relations Specialist to coordinate a visit from the Mayor, who will talk about the contest and answer student questions. This experience is perfect for educators aiming to inspire students or help make local government more accessible. Educators can arrange a visit by emailing Stephanie Warneke at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov.



COURTESY PHOTO OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

Students in Happy Valley are encouraged to enter the City's annual contest that gives them a chance to share their ideas. Lauren (third from left) and Adriana (third from right) were recipients of the City's awards last year for their contest submissions and were recognized by the City Council.

Prizes

The winner of each age group in the Happy Valley contest will be awarded a \$100 gift card and recognized at an upcoming City Council Meeting. Winning submissions will also be entered in the statewide contest where there will be a chance to compete for an additional prize. Last year, Adriana's poster took home second place at the state level competition which earned her an additional monetary prize.

High School Shout Out

The City is particularly



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In the coming months, you will soon be able to apply and submit payment for City related licenses and permits from the comfort of your home, office, or even on the go. Save yourself an extra trip to City Hall and take care of a variety of tasks with just a few clicks.



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Civic Access powered by EPL's online platform is designed to simplify your experience, providing a hassle-free way to take care of dog licenses, alarm permits, building permits, and more. The service will also make applying for and renewing business licenses a breeze.



In the coming months, residents will be able to take care of a variety of licensing and permitting tasks online! Stay tuned for more information.

## January 2024 Community Calendar

**January 8**  
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.

**January 9**  
Planning Commission Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.

**January 15**  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: City Hall and Happy Valley Library **CLOSED**

**January 16**  
City Council Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

**January 24**  
Happy Valley Business Alliance Meeting: 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

**January 30**  
Community Center Steering Committee Meeting: City Hall, 5 p.m.

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

**February 7**  
Valentine's Day Care Cards Due: please return completed cards to City Hall or the Happy Valley Library (see page 16 for more information)



# Welcome to the neighborhood



City of Happy Valley

Did you know the Mayor, City Council, and members of the Happy Valley Business Alliance (HVBA) frequently partake in ribbon cutting ceremonies as a way to officially welcome new businesses to the City? For nearly 15 years, the City has been offering this opportunity as a way to engage new businesses and connect residents to some of the best spots in town.

Happy Valley businesses contribute significantly to our local community by providing many of the goods and services we all need and enjoy. They offer places for us to gather, workout, eat, drink, and shop, and provide jobs which boost the economy and contribute to a city that thrives. The City of Happy Valley not only encourages new businesses to set up shop, but it is happy to highlight them with pomp and circumstance. By partnering with the Happy Valley Business Alliance to offer commemorative ribbon cutting ceremonies, the City aims to celebrate one slice of the American Dream.

- Recent ribbon cutting ceremonies**
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# Stay warm this winter with these home heating safety tips



A warm fire or convenient space heater may be just what you need this winter to stay cozy, but remember to follow these vital safety tips to prevent injury and home damage.



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Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires? With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening. The following safety tips can help you create a fire-safe home this winter:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from such heating equipment as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out,

## HEATING EQUIPMENT SMARTS

Install wood-burning stoves following the manufacturer’s instructions, or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call Clackamas Fire District #1 or the gas company.

- unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
  - Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.
  - Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
  - Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. Never close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
  - Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists.
  - Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.
  - Test smoke alarms monthly.

# City Tree illuminates the holiday season

City of Happy Valley

Residents and friends gathered once again at City Hall on Dec. 3 as Happy Valley’s annual Tree Lighting Ceremony helped jump start the holiday season. Despite the rainy weather, it was a joyous event to behold as cheerful music, warm cocoa, and festive lights created an evening to remember.

We would like to acknowledge those who helped make this event happen: Thank you to the City’s Public Works team for installing all the lights and to the City’s Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Stephani Hern, and her team for ensuring everything came together. We’d also like to recognize the Happy Valley Library and our City’s Public Art Committee for leading craft activities for youth.

Community members enjoyed holiday performances by HV Dance Academy, Rock Creek and Happy Valley’s Middle School bands, Happy Valley Middle School’s choir, and the Adrienne C. Nelson High School jazz band. Vendors Steam-Werkz and Moondrops Bavarian Roasted Nuts kept community members filled with decadent treats.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our 2023 Main Sponsors, and to EarthWise Pet Supply and iQ Credit Union. We can’t thank you enough for your contributions at the event you’re your willingness to support our community. Of course, thank you to Santa for traveling to Happy Valley to visit with our community.

We absolutely could not have carried this out without the behind the scenes support of the Happy Valley Youth Council, Boys Team Charity, and National Charity League’s Sunnyside Chapter. Your partnerships mean the world to us, and we appreciate everything you do.

Finally, thank you to Clackamas Fire for teaming up with us once again to bring cheer to local families in need.



Clackamas Fire was onsite helping collect donations for Operation Santa.



Kids got creative with a designated craft area inside City Hall.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY  
The lighting of the City tree was the main attraction of the event.

Through Operation Santa efforts, we are proud to give back to the community. To the Happy Valley

community, thank you for spending the evening with us. We wish you peace, joy, health, and happiness in the year ahead.



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City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley’s Animal Control Services support people and animals in a variety of ways. With animal control one of our many responsibilities, we aim to protect pets and wild animals while simultaneously protecting people and property from challenges that can arise when animals are uncontrolled. Whether assisting an animal in distress, reuniting lost pets and their owners, or responding to animal nuisance concerns, our team is responsible for the daily happenings related to animal services. We enforce City laws and ordinances and help ensure the City remains a safe place for people and animals alike.

Whether lost or abandoned, when a dog is seen roaming City streets, Community Service Officers can be called to help. We will attempt to contain the dog and reduce its chance of running into traffic or getting further away from home should it accidentally escape. If identifying information can be obtained, we will then proceed to help reunify the dog with its owner. This is a primary reason the City of Happy Valley requires dog licensing. It could mean a



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If you have not yet obtained a license for your dog or your license has lapsed, head to [www.happyvalleor.gov/animal-control](http://www.happyvalleor.gov/animal-control) or use your smartphone to scan the QR code. From there, you can complete an application. Fee amounts are determined by several factors, so be sure to select the option that matches your needs. If you have questions, give us a call at 503-783-3800.

world of difference, especially if your dog were to become lost.

### When dogs get lost

More times than not, a dog gets out when a door is left open, or a gate latch or section of fencing becomes loose. When this happens, your pup escapes and off they go on an unplanned adventure. Our team has found dogs wandering neighborhoods and thankfully no harm is done, but most concerning is when they get near busy streets

like Sunnyside and 172nd Ave. To report dogs running at-large please contact us at 503-783-3800.

### How we can help

Should a lost dog be found, we can easily reference the City’s licensing database to locate you for reunification if

it has a collar. We also have the needed equipment on hand to scan for microchips. But these efforts only go so far in helping reunite dogs with their owners if the information is up to date. That is why it is so important to keep your dog’s licensure in compliance. Additionally, we can’t emphasize enough just how important it is to microchip your pet. We often find dogs without an identifying collar and it can take a long time to sift through the database if we have to search by breed alone. So, if

DO I HAVE THE CORRECT LICENSE?

If you reside in the City of Happy Valley and you own a dog, you must have a current dog license on file with the City. In most cases, a Community Service Officer will first talk with you about a concern related to dog licensing before it reaches the level of receiving a citation. Ultimately, it is your responsibility as a dog owner to comply. If you possess a Clackamas County dog license or dog license from another jurisdiction in the state, please contact City Hall at 503-783-3800.





you haven’t already, be sure to talk to your vet ASAP about microchipping your dog and keep in mind you will need to separately update the microchip company with any changes to your contact information if you move or get a new phone number.

Dogs that cannot be reunited with their owner are placed for shelter with our community partner, Clackamas Dog Services. The City’s partnership with Clackamas Dog Services allows us the ability to access shelter for lost or abandoned dogs 24/7, ensuring safety, basic needs, and medical care are provided.

### Health and wellness

Another reason it is required for dog owners to complete the licensure process is to ensure your pup has received a current rabies vaccination. This is absolutely imperative to the

health and safety of anyone, including other animals, who may encounter your dog.

### Local partners

We’ve made it a point to connect and partner with each of the Happy Valley veterinary clinics in the City. In doing so, we’ve provided local veterinarians with the resources needed to remind pet owners of the dog licensing requirement during routine visits. Additionally, the City reinforces compliance by cross-reporting with veterinary offices, ensuring that licensing records are consistently updated.

We also work closely with Clackamas Dog Services. Their team sends us an updated document every six weeks that lists dogs in Happy Valley that have received the rabies vaccination. If those dogs are unlicensed, our team will reach out to the owner to complete the necessary paperwork.

## Clean Up After Your Pet for Healthier Water

Clackamas County has almost 100,000 dogs of all shapes and sizes. The Food and Drug Administration estimates that the average dog produces approximately three quarters of a pound of waste per day. That adds up to over 13,000 tons of pet waste in our county per year!

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- Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted by ingesting contaminated water.
- Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.
- Cleaning up after your pet is always the right thing to do.

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# The Life-Changing Impact of Public Service

## Maj. Gen. Stencel Retires After 39years of Military Service

By EMMA DAVIS  
Pamplin Media Group

As Mike Stencel’s story progresses, a narrative is revealed, formed by the life-changing impact of his military experience. After serving 39 years, Stencel recently retired from being an Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard and former Air National Guard pilot. His experience demonstrates the valuable skills one learns while serving. As he looks back on his life and career, Stencel offers a perspective that has grown over time and shows the importance of public service and the need for everyone to take part and pay attention to what is happening around them.

Since he was a kid, Stencel knew he wanted to fly; it wasn’t until after he graduated from college that he was able to make his dream a reality and join the United States Air National Guard. Though competitive at the time, and still is, he managed to get in in 1984 and began his training to fly fighter planes.

While in the ANG, he maintained a civilian life; he got his MBA and a “regular job” “I went after my MBA at Portland State, and then went into commercial real estate,” he said. “So, I had an eight to five job and get to come out and fly on the evenings or weekends to do the drill training and drills every month.”

When he got married and had a family, balancing became difficult, so he quit his job and dedicated his time to family and carrying out his ANG duties. Stencel held several positions, however, the most notable was Wing Commander (from 2010 to 2013) and most recently, Adjutant General.

“I got the opportunity to be promoted to general office,” he said. His predecessor asked if he could be acting general while the governor went through the selection process, and he couldn’t pass that up. Once he



COURTESY PHOTO: JOHN HUGHEL, OREGON MILITARY DEP.  
Maj. Gen. Michael E. Stencel the outgoing Adjutant General, Oregon, delivers a summary presentation with his wife Sue Stencel, during his closing comments of his retirement ceremony.

was able to apply for the full position, he took that opportunity and then began his nearly decade-long career as head of the Oregon National Guard.

As the Adjutant General, Stencel had a lot to manage, including more than 8000 people, staying on top of federal issues, and being engaged in the state legislature, among several others. “When it came to legislative issues I had to be engaged in and understand the state legislature,” he said. “I also had to, you know, stay on top of all federal issues too.”

While there was so much that went into his career, the experience was nothing short of rewarding, educational, and insightful. He found that attention to detail, self-discipline, and maintaining calmness and control of being a fighter pilot was beneficial when taking on the position of Adjutant General. “I’ve had an ability to not get emotional and stand back and look at things, get all the inputs, and make a deliberate decision,” he said. “Not taking things personally and giving everybody the courage to be open and critical.”

Though initially joined the Guard to fly, his perspective changed throughout his career. One of the biggest takeaways of his time in the military as he grew, was the importance for people to get engaged in public



COURTESY PHOTO: STEPHEN BOMAR  
General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau (left), presents the American flag to Maj. Gen. Michael E. Stencel (right) the outgoing Adjutant General, Oregon, during his retirement.



COURTESY PHOTO: MAJ. W. CHRIS CLYNE OREGON NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
Maj. Gen Stencel Clap-Out of Maj. Gen. George White Building Today marks Maj. Gen. Michael E. Stencel’s last day working out of the Maj. Gen. George White Building in Salem as he prepares for his retirement after serving as The Adjutant General of Oregon since 2015.

service and pay attention to what’s happening around them. “I think one of the huge values that you get out of military service and public service is that it unifies everyone, and it doesn’t matter what your religion, your race or education, it’s trying to do the right thing for the country,” he said. “It’s like the classic Kennedy quote “ Ask not what

your country can do for you... ask what you can do for your country.” “

Putting it into perspective and reflecting on his military career, Stencel ultimately wants to see public service become relevant again; to be able to be a community and serve each other. “It doesn’t have to be military; it can be you know,

Red Cross or any type of public service where you create some bonding with people,” he said. “This is a community and everything, and that’s unifying.”

Throughout it all, Stencel is grateful for everything, from the support of his family and community to the growth and knowledge he gained along the way. “I got to live my dream, and

as I said, it wasn’t all about service, but it gets into your DNA, and I have a greater appreciation for it now,” he said. “And I wouldn’t have gotten there without the people I had, like the guardsmen, employers, and my family too; [that support] helped me get to where I was, and I have a lot of gratitude for them and the service too.”

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# CCC offering free wildlife and water-friendly garden series



Clackamas Community College will be offering a wildlife and water-friendly home gardening series beginning Jan. 25.

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Clackamas Community College’s Environmental Learning Center, in collaboration with its sponsors and community partners, is hosting a wildlife and water-friendly garden series this winter.

This series aims to educate and empower individuals interested in home gardening for wildlife conservation and water quality enhancement.

The series, taking place on Thursdays from Jan. 25 to March 7, noon to 1 p.m., will be conducted virtually via Zoom (link will be provided upon registration). This free program is open to anyone passionate about creating a more sustainable and wildlife-friendly garden environment.

**Program Highlights are:**

**Jan. 25:** Connecting the Pieces of our Urban Ecosystems — Explore the intricate web of our urban ecosystems and discover ways to contribute positively to their balance.

**Feb. 1:** Take a Walk on the Wild Side: The Remarkable Wild Bees of Oregon — Learn about Oregon’s remarkable wild bees and how to welcome these vital pollinators into your backyard.

**Feb. 8:** Garden Smart for the Changing Climate — Gain insights into gardening practices that are adaptive to the challenges posed by our changing climate.

**Feb. 15:** Friend or Foe? How to Identify Invasive Plants in

Our Backyards — Discover how to identify and manage invasive plant species that can harm local ecosystems.

**Feb. 22:** Companion Planting for Clean Water — Explore the benefits of companion planting and its role in promoting clean water practices in your garden.

**Feb. 29:** Plants and Fungal Networks — Delve into the fascinating world of plant-fungal networks and their impact on garden health.

**March 7:** What Tree Should I Plant? — Get guidance on selecting the right trees to enhance your garden’s ecological value.

This series is made possible through the support of Clackamas Water Environment

Services and the collaborative efforts of community partners, including Clackamas River Basin Council, Clackamas River Water Providers, Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District, Greater Oregon City Watershed Council, North Clackamas Watersheds Council, and Oak Lodge Water Services.

Join the Environmental Learning Center for an engaging and informative journey toward creating a garden that is not only beautiful but also beneficial to wildlife and water quality.

To register for this series, visit the event registration page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/760732410117?aff=oddtcreator>.

# Christ the Vine Lutheran School Hosts State of the School



Christ the Vine Lutheran School in Damascus will host an open public meeting January 10th for community members to learn about the school’s expansion plans, tour the facility and ask questions of the school’s administrative team.

Staff at Christ the Vine ensures that all children feel secure, cared for and loved, encouraging each child’s natural curiosity in order to ignite a love for learning by creating a rich classroom environment with materials to inspire creativity and curiosity, in order to build a strong foundation for future learning.

By implementing learning strategies that support students academically, spiritually, and behaviorally, they also provide a supportive environment for parents.

Christ the Vine Lutheran School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance, or any other school administered programs.

“Our expansion plans to grow our school to include preschool through 5th grade, are well-suited and in response to families seeking a private christian education for their children,” said CTV Director, Seanna Bloemer. “We look forward to the opportunity to meet prospective families, parents and children and welcome them into our school and spiritual communities.”

Contact Director Seanna Bloemer at [sbloemer.ctv@gmail.com](mailto:sbloemer.ctv@gmail.com) for more information or reserve your spot at the State of the School.

## Christ the Vine Lutheran School

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# Vancouver Clinic expands access to surgery

By Dr. Jacob Calvert

Access to surgical care is one of the fundamental health challenges facing our Portland-Vancouver community.

Patients who need a hysterectomy, hernia surgery, joint replacement, or other procedures are best cared for when they can schedule surgery right away. Vancouver Clinic’s new Salmon Creek Surgery Center is making that possible.

Our new surgery center has increased our clinic’s surgical capacity by 60%. As we celebrate our first year, we are now doing 750 surgeries each month, with room to grow. It’s part of Vancouver Clinic’s overall investment in services to help care for patients in Washington and Oregon.

As an OB/GYN certified in robotic surgery, I’m excited to be part of the team leading surgical care forward in our region. Not only do we have expanded capacity, we offer expert care and breakthrough technology.

Our Salmon Creek Surgery Center is the first standalone ambulatory surgery center in the greater Northwest to use the da Vinci® robotic surgical system. It allows us to access and treat difficult-to-reach areas of the body without a large incision. We perform minimally invasive surgeries on the gallbladder, hernia, reproductive organs, colon, kidney, and bladder.

We are also the only surgical center in the region to offer outpatient hysterectomies using the da Vinci surgical system. The technology allows surgeons to operate with exceptional agility and control, creating only tiny incisions. This minimizes pain and bleeding and shortens the recovery period.

In addition, we use a MAKO® robotic-assisted device to replace hips and knee joints with extreme accuracy for natural movement. The new surgery center allows our Total Joint Program to continue to grow, providing a much-needed option for high-quality, cost-effective surgical care.

Vancouver Clinic is the largest independent, physician-owned medical practice in the region. We employ 491 clinicians at 18 locations in Vancouver, Portland, Gresham, and Clackamas. Our mission is to improve the health of our communities by providing high-quality, compassionate care.

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# Multi-business dessert shop comes to Happy Valley

By EMMA DAVIS  
Pamplin Media Group

The innovative energy of Michael Clarey has sparked a sweet revolution in the tight-knit community of Happy Valley with the recent opening of his three-in-one dessert shop. Clarey’s booming business offers a vast selection that caters to the imagination of its customers, bringing creativity to the town’s taste. With a passion for giving back to the community and a love for baking and imagination, Clarey is providing everyone with a delightful experience through delectable treats.

Before venturing into the world of owning the combination dessert shop Clarey owned an IT company; However, during the pandemic, it experienced a decline, and he had to rethink his future plans. With a love for baking and the food industry, he decided to explore the idea of opening a dessert shop. “I wanted to get into the food industry and have my own shop,” he said. “I’ve always liked chocolate and desserts and I saw the opportunity to have a franchise, so I signed up, applied, showed them my financials and now I’m here.”

Coming from a small town and understanding the importance of local businesses and community, he saw Happy Valley as the perfect location for the business. “I noticed there weren’t really any dessert shops around, and there are a lot of families here so it has the same kind of clientele that we would need so this is a great place to be,” he said.

Originally supposed to be The Nestle Tollhouse Café, the store changed when Clarey discovered that all the franchises across the country were closing. However, he was able to buy the franchise Great American Cookies, an East Coast company that had acquired the Café with the same concept. During the process of acquiring Great American Cookies, he also acquired another East Coast company, Marble



Just some of the creations you can get at Marble Slab Creamery.



Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory's many options of chocolate creations and caramel apples.

Slab Creamery; making his store the first ever to house these two companies Pacific Northwest. With the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, it was officially a three-shop dessert destination with something for everybody.

At Rocky Mountain, there is an endless selection of decadent chocolates made in-house every day; from truffles and nougat-filled chocolates and chocolate-covered marshmallows. Not to mention, Rocky Mountain’s

staple: the many choices of caramel apples.

When looking at the cases of Great American Cookies, you will find dozens and dozens of cookies hot out of the oven. There are various flavors to choose from, including sugar, snickerdoodle, chocolate chip, birthday cake, and seasonal cookie. Additionally, customers can purchase cookie cakes that can be customized for any occasion, like birthdays, graduations, anniversaries,



The exterior of Happy Valley's newest dessert shop.



The delectable cookie selection, including cookie cakes and various cookies at Great American Cookies.

and more.

For those with an ice cream craving, Marble Slab Creamery offers unlimited options. Customers can mix and match flavors and toppings, made right in front of them, creating unique combinations.

What customers can always expect at Rocky Mountain Chocolate/Great American

Cookies/Marble Slab is high-quality desserts, excellent customer service, and a taste of happiness. Upon entering the store, they are greeted with friendly smiles from the shop’s staff, including Michael. “I’ll come in here and I’ll make caramel apples with Colin, I’ll bake some cookies and I even clean the bathrooms,” he said. “I’m just

another employee, I just own the place.”

With his commitment to the community, Clarey spends nearly every day in the shop. “Whether it be for an hour or all day, I make sure that I’m here at least once a day,” he said. “It’s cool because a lot of customers will come in and they know I’m the owner, and I love being here. I want to get to know this community more and more as the business grows.”

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory/Great American Cookies/Marble Slab Creamery is a place where community, imagination, and quality desserts merge to bring an abundance of joy and something sweet for everyone.

“Meeting the community and making people happy with what we have are the best parts,” he said. “You can come into the dessert shop mad at the world, but I can guarantee that you’ll leave with a smile on your face.”

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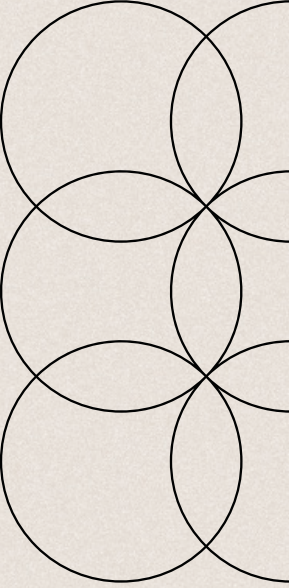
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# Dana Cappelucci Takes the Helm as New Athletic Director at Nelson High

“It’s the student athlete experience that I’m so passionate about. It’s what participation in athletics can offer a person, especially a young person.”

– Dana Cappelucci

*Working with teams, student athletes rewarding for former coach, teacher*

By **BREN SWOGGER**  
*Pamplin Media Group*

Adrienne C. Nelson High School welcomes a new leader as Dana Cappelucci takes the reins as the school’s Athletic Director.

With four months in the position, Cappelucci is poised to champion the development of Nelson’s young athletes, focusing on nurturing both their athletic skills and personal growth. Her journey from high school sports to a seasoned athletic administrator signals a bright future for Nelson’s athletic programs.

A student athlete from

Northeast Ohio in both high school and college, like all high school students, Cappelucci found herself at 18, forced to figure out what she wanted to be when she grew up.

Cappelucci first explored education, but when she couldn’t picture herself in a classroom role, decided to transfer to a junior college, eventually earning her undergraduate degree in physical education at Cleveland State.

Along the way, Cappelucci played softball at several schools, and it was through that process that she began to find her own passion for the intricacies of student athletics.

While finishing her undergraduate degree at Cleveland State, Cappelucci took on the role of assistant softball coach at her junior college. Then, when a position opened in the Athletic administrative office,



COURTESY PHOTO: OF DANA CAPPELUCCI  
The newest Nelson High School athletic director, Dana Cappelucci.

she pitched in to help. This was how she ended up falling in love with athletic administration.

“I loved coaching,” Cappelucci said, “but I coached one team, and I knew one team. And when I was working as an athletic

administrator, I got to work with all the teams and know all the student athletes, and it was very rewarding for me.”

Realizing her newfound passion, Cappelucci went on to earn her master’s degree in athletic administration, leading her through various roles at the collegiate level before finally landing at Portland State University.

“I spent the first part of my career working in college athletics at various levels and loved it,” Cappelucci said. “But college athletics is becoming more of a business. It’s not what it was when I started 17 years ago.

“It’s the student athlete experience that I’m so passionate about,” she explained. “It’s what participation in athletics can offer a person, especially a young person. I lived it. I experienced it. And I’m so passionate about it. And I just know firsthand what a positive influence that can be

for somebody.”

Faced with a decision on the next step in her career, fate seemed to decide for her when a job opened at Adrienne C. Nelson High School. Through the interview process and meeting the people at Nelson, Cappelucci knew immediately it was where she was meant to be.

Now in her fifth month as Nelson’s new Athletic Director, Cappelucci is excited about everything that’s ahead in her new role, especially getting to know the students.

“I always want our student athletes to feel like they have an advocate, that they’ve got someone in their corner,” Cappelucci said. “Our students are on the verge of making big life decisions. And they’re not decisions to be made lightly. Like I said earlier, at 18, I had no real idea what I wanted to do. And I was trying to figure that out. So just being

another person in their corner, I want all of them to know that I’m here.”

As for the coaches, Cappelucci knows — like her — they are doing this because they have a passion for the sport and a passion for coaching the next generation. “They’re not putting the time in that they are with all of our students if they’re not passionate about it and they don’t care about them,” she said. “Being able to support [the coaches] is important to me because no one can do it on their own. I know I certainly cannot.”

Outside of her time as Athletic Director, Cappelucci enjoys spending as much time in the outdoors as possible: hiking, camping, and sometimes just sitting in nature. “If I’m not at school or at a sporting event, I’m usually somewhere off the grid in the mountains,” she said.

## Sunrise Water Authority Opens New Building

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After being located for nearly 60 years at the corner of SE 129th and SE King Road in Happy Valley, the Sunrise Water Authority has moved into a new facility located at 17563 SE Armstrong Court.

The new facility includes a 15,000 sq. ft. administrative building and a 5,700 sq. ft. shop. The buildings are made of a combination of traditional steel and concrete, along with significant use of cross-laminated (mass) timber.

The design also incorporates a “low

energy use profile” supported by a photovoltaic electric system and high efficiency heating and cooling systems. The facility is sized to support future buildout through 2050 and beyond.

{span}Sunrise Water Authority says the new facility will not require any added costs to customers’ water rates. The project is financed through existing long-term cash savings and a low-interest loan from the State. The facility was designed by FFA Architecture and Interiors and constructed by Kirby Nagelhout Construction.

To visit Sunrise Water Authority online, visit [www.sunrisewater.com](http://www.sunrisewater.com)



Sunrise Water Authority's new building off 172nd Ave.



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# 2023 Year in Review

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Advisory Council to host, creating a day filled with promise, excitement, and inspiration. Youth Council representatives from cities throughout Oregon came together to learn from each other and look for statewide approaches to issues Oregon youth face.

### Seniors receive sweet messages on Valentine's Day

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team, in partnership with Happy Valley Library, once again enlisted the help of the community and some very special assistants to bring love and cheer to local seniors. Over 600 handmade cards were delivered to memory care centers, assisted living facilities, and homebound seniors throughout Happy Valley as part of a community wide effort. Prior to the big day, the Parks and Recreation team gathered a variety of supplies to produce festive greeting card kits. Happy Valley Library teen volunteers helped assemble the kits that could be picked up at the Library and City Hall. Anyone could take a kit, which included cardstock, stickers, and decorative paper.

To make the occasion extra special, 5-year-old Happy Valley resident Crosby Warneke helped hand deliver the haul. Dressed as the Happy Valley Love Bug, the pint-sized student received cheers and applause as he presented the cards to the intended recipients. When asked what he likes most about being part of the activity, Crosby said, "It's nice to give out the cards. Maybe some people that get them won't get anything else, so it makes them happy to get something."

### Councilor Emami represents Oregon during White House Nowruz celebration

Happy Valley Council President David Emami represented Oregon at the White House by attending the March 20 presidential reception for Nowruz, which is the celebration of the Persian new year. In 2019, Emami became the first Iranian American member of a city council in Oregon history. Attendance at the White House event included President Joe Biden, First Lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff.

### International Day of Happiness

International Day of Happiness in March serves to signify the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world and invites people of all backgrounds to celebrate together. It is an important day that reminds us to appreciate the good things in life and embrace happiness as an integral part of the human experience. That's why the City of Happy Valley has made it a priority to celebrate the occasion and create opportunities for residents and community partners to find their own little slice of happy. With fun activities that promote connectivity and joy, Happy Valley aims to boost our collective bliss. Happy Valley Parks and Recreation organized a festive extravaganza that offered personalized visits to area businesses and a local retirement communities.

### Happy Valley celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day

2023 marked the 19th consecutive year the City of Happy Valley has been awarded a Tree City USA designation, a status cities must apply for through the Arbor Day Foundation. This national program started in 1976 and encourages cities to actively promote and expand tree growth. April 22 is recognized as both Earth Day and Arbor Day in Happy Valley. To commemorate the occasion this year, the City joined community partner, Friends of Trees, to celebrate. Volunteers helped transport mulch which will help support the growth of newly planted saplings in parts of Happy Valley Park. Nearly 300 native trees and shrubs were gifted to residents in recognition of Earth Day and our pledge to keep our local tree canopy healthy and thriving.

### Four "Amazing Girls" receive recognition for community involvement & service.

United in their involvement with the Happy Valley Youth Council, four Happy Valley high schoolers received recognition in May in Pumpkin Media's "Amazing Kids." From participation in National Charity League to helping provide aid and fundraising efforts for Ukrainian refugees, sports leaderships and National Honor Society, Hannah Bach, Jaden Andrews, Ivana Propenko and Ava Wong exemplify service to others and their community.

### National Night Out

On Aug. 1, National Night Out offered an evening of summer fun that included food and beverage vendors,

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► Ami Shannon of Valley Public House (far right) helps lead a packed dance floor in the popular Chicken Dance under the spacious Oktoberfest tent.

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▲ Happy Valley Youth Council members (from left to right) Hannah Bach, Jaden Andrews, Ivana Prokopenko and Ava Wong were named as Pumpkin Media Amazing Kids in May.

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► On Apr. 22, volunteers gathered for a Friends of Trees event at Happy Valley Park. The event helped celebrate both Earth Day and Arbor Day, with members of the community helping transport mulch to a designated area.

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▼ The dynamic duo! Deputy Van Wormer (left) and Deputy Mazhnikov took a break from their traffic officer duties to talk to residents at NNO on August 1st.

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▲ Dumpster Day volunteers help unload and sort unwanted items, donations, recycling, used tires and much more.

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▼ Deputy S. Easton and K9 Duco from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) joined Coffee with a Cop. Through the City's partnership with the CCSO, residents experience dedicated police services that include specialized law enforcement units.

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◀ Crosby delivers special Valentine's Day cards to residents at Princeton Village Assisted Living

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◀ Salute to Service! Happy Valley volunteers gathered for an appreciation event at Happy Valley Park in August.  
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educational and interactive safety booths, and live musical entertainment. Throughout the evening, popular cover band, Hit Machine, kept the crowd engaged as residents and visitors came together to pay tribute to their local safety heroes. Coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and partnering sponsor, Emmert International, the event brought neighbors, friends, and emergency responders together for a night to remember.

### Save the Date: NNO 2024

National Night Out 2024 is slated to take place Tuesday, Aug. 6. Be sure to follow the City of Happy Valley on Facebook or check online at [happyvalleyor.gov](http://happyvalleyor.gov) for information about future events.

### Volunteer Appreciation Night

In August, Happy Valley Park was the place to be as live music filled the air. Local music legend, Norman Sylvester, could be heard jamming on his guitar as residents, neighbors, and friends gathered for a summer night out. Adding to the evening was the celebration of Happy Valley's volunteers, a group comprised of individuals that go above and beyond to support the needs of the community. Volunteer appreciation night serves as a tribute to the achievements and commitment of the many volunteers that help keep Happy Valley one of the best places to live, work, and play.

Throughout the year, the City receives countless hours of service, invaluable advice, and strategic guidance from volunteers in the community. The City is fortunate to have volunteers serving on advisory committees that do things like find solutions to traffic problems, improve parks, and manage growth. Additionally, the City is witness to countless individuals who roll up their sleeves to organize service projects that improve our environment, bring neighbors together, and help those in need. These groups and individuals consistently put Happy Valley first and are always willing to lend a hand.

### Library Groundbreaking

On Aug. 15, the Happy Valley Library celebrated the groundbreaking of a major expansion project in the works. At the ceremony, Mayor Tom Ellis thanked everyone who has helped make this effort possible including staff, volunteers, elected officials, architects, and the contractor.

A well loved amenity, the Library makes available information and resources on everything from mental health, diversity, financial wellness, and so much more. It serves over 60,000 people, many of whom are residents in unincorporated Clackamas County. To meet the growing needs of the area, the Library's 10,000+ square-foot expansion will create additional space for the community to gather. Improvements will enable the City to potentially provide a 300-person community room, kitchen, and quiet study rooms, creating a welcoming place for all to use, gather, and celebrate our unique and shared cultural experiences.

### Oktoberfest

Residents and visitors enjoyed a fun-filled day at Happy Valley Park on Saturday, Oct. 7 with the return of Oktoberfest. Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Rotary Club of Clackamas, created an event to remember as pumpkins, children's crafts, dog races, and a lively beer garden set the backdrop to a perfect day in the Valley.

### Coffee with a Cop

Happy Valley residents and police deputies gathered over cups of coffee and pastries at Peet's Coffee on Oct. 4 during the department's recent Coffee with a Cop event.

Residents and members from law enforcement spent the time talking about a variety of subjects and deputies listened to safety concerns shared by residents. It was a great opportunity for both residents and members of the Happy Valley Police Department to exchange ideas and for residents in particular to hear more about what these first responders do in the City.



◀ Residents participate in the 4th of July parade

► Amid rainbows and shaved ice, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation brought cheer to all!



▲ Hanna Grishkevich and Geri Naumchauff were all smiles during a conversation during Volunteer Appreciation

► Community members line up for the 4th of July independence hike.



▲ With golden shovels, the group closest to the project ceremoniously moved the first pieces of earth to commemorate the new beginning at the Library expansion groundbreaking ceremony in August

▼ Happy Valley City Councilor Joshua Callahan joins Happy Valley Youth Councilors in discussion.



▲ Happy Valley Police Chief, Rich Sheldon, talks with resident, Steve Sirkin.



◀ Attendees celebrating 25 years of Happy Valley's Summer Concert Series

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### Field Trip Fridays

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

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

**Carson Hot Springs and Backwoods Brewing**  
Jan. 26, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+  
\$50-Resident / \$75- Non-Resident

Visit a 1930's bathhouse for a spa experience like no other. Authentic and traditional clawfoot tubs and vintage stylings welcome you as world-renowned mineral water envelopes you for an all-natural, healing bath followed by a swaddling wrap treatment to warm, purify and energize your cells as you rest. Head to the sauna to complete your experience before visiting Backwoods Brewing for lunch.

## Cooper Spur Snowshoe Tour & Tasting

Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. • Friday • Ages 21+ • \$65

Join us for an adventurous day at Cooper Spur Mountain Resort located amid the magnificent Mt. Hood National Forest. We will start the day at the Nordic Center where everyone will get fitted with snowshoes before we head out on a guided tour through 6.5km of trails on varied terrain surrounded by pine trees and open meadows. Afterward, we'll settle into the cozy, warmth of the Crooked Tree Tavern and Grill for a curated wine/beer tasting accompanied by a selection of local, small plates. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available as well.



### Oregon Coast Aquarium Day Trip

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Mar. 15, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+  
\$36-Resident / \$52-Non-Resident •

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



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

**Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Advanced)**  
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • FREE

Participants will build upon their knowledge from our Tai Chi Beginners class and continue to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. Class powered by Basecamp Prevention + Wellness, part of Providence Heart Institute. <https://welcometobasecamp.org/taichi>

### Chair Yoga

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

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### Gentle Yoga

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. • FREE

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

### Valentine's Day Care Cards

Card kits can be picked up from the Happy Valley Library: 13793 SE Sieben Park Way & Happy Valley City Hall: 16000 SE Misty Dr.

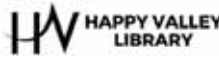
### Valentine's Day Care Cards

Card kits are available for pick-up starting Jan. 3  
All ages can participate

Show a senior you care this Valentine's Day by making a Valentine's Care Card! Pick up your supplies at the Happy Valley Library or Happy Valley City Hall and return your cards to either location. All cards will be delivered to local senior living facilities and homebound seniors to show them some extra love this season! Write them a kind message like "I hope you have a nice Valentine's Day!" or "I'm sending you love and happiness." All completed cards must be returned to either the Library or City Hall by Wednesday, Feb. 7.

What's inside: TWO blank cards, heart stickers, heart-shaped doilies, crayons, and construction paper.

Want to make your own card? Great! A kit is not needed to drop off a Valentine's card. Just make sure to turn it in by Feb. 7.



### Crochet with Passion Classes

All classes are held at the HV Annex located at 12915 SE King Rd.

Crochet with Passion classes teach patience and promote positive self-talk through the challenges and mistakes encountered during the crochet learning process. Register online at: [www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks)

### Beginning Crochet I

Jan. 8, Feb. 5, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. • Monday  
Ages 12+ • \$35 / class

This is an introductory class designed to teach individuals the fundamental skills and techniques required to start crocheting. This class is perfect for those who are new to the craft and want to learn the basics of crocheting.

### Beginning Crochet II

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. • Thursday  
Ages 12+ • \$35 / class

This is a follow-up class that builds upon the foundational skills taught in Beginning Crochet I. This class is designed for individuals who have already completed a basic crochet course or have a basic understanding of crochet fundamentals.

### Intermediate Crochet I

Jan. 22, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. • Monday  
Ages 12+ • \$35 / class

This is designed for individuals who have already mastered the basics of crochet and are ready to explore more advanced techniques and projects. This class typically builds on the foundational skills learned in Beginning Crochet I & II and delves into more intricate patterns and stitches.

### Intermediate Crochet II

Jan. 25, Feb. 22, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. • Thursday  
Ages 12+ • \$35 / class

This is a continuation of crochet instruction designed for individuals who have completed Intermediate Crochet I or have a solid foundation in intermediate-level crochet techniques. In this class, participants will build upon their existing skills and explore more advanced crochet patterns, stitches, and projects.



### Tippi Toes Dance Classes

Location: Sunnyside Grange  
13130 S.E. Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas, OR 97015

### Toddler and Me

Jan. 23-Mar. 12, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.  
Tuesdays • Ages 18 months - 2yrs • \$165

Music, movement, balance, and basic dance steps are introduced in a fun, friendly and positive manner. This type of class includes mom or dad, or another loved one participating alongside the student. Teachers will keep the music and curriculum moving while parents actively encourage, support, and keep the little dancer on track.



### Ballet, Tap & Jazz

Jan. 23-Mar. 12, 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
Tuesday • Ages 3-5yrs • \$165

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



### Soccer Shots Clinics

Location: Oregon Trail Elementary School - 13895 SE 152nd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015

### Soccer-Mini

Jan. 6 -Feb. 24, 4:40 p.m.-5:10 p.m.  
• Saturday • Ages 2-3 • \$159

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

### Soccer-Classic

Jan. 6 -Feb. 24, 3:50 p.m.-4:25 p.m., ages 3-4 • Jan. 6 -Feb. 24, 3 p.m.-3:35 p.m., ages 4-5 • Saturday • \$167

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight positive character traits each session



such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.

### Soccer-Premier

Jan. 6 -Feb. 24, 2 p.m.-2:45 p.m.  
Saturday • Ages 5-7 • \$167

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



### Venvino Art Studios In-Studio Classes

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

**Create and Learn Series - Acrylic Painting How to Paint Trees**

Jan. 5, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 16+  
\$25/ 1.5hour session

Learn how to paint snowy trees with guided instruction that focuses on the basics of using acrylic paints, brushes, and techniques for creating a beautiful winter scene. Each registration includes a 1.5-hour lesson and an 8" x 10" canvas panel.

**Create and Learn Series - Acrylic Painting How to Paint Birds**

Feb. 2, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Friday  
Ages 16+ • \$25/ 1.5 hour session

Learn how to paint birds with guided instruction. You'll learn the basics of using acrylic paints, brushes, and techniques as you create beautiful birds in a tree. Each registration includes a 1.5-hour lesson and an 8" x 10" canvas panel.

### Kidokinetics Camps

Location: Dalzell Community Gym - 17951 SE Hemrich Rd, Damascus, OR 97089

### MLK Fun Day Camp

Jan. 15 • Monday • \$55  
3-4yrs - 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
5-6yrs • 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

A fun introduction to sports designed to help kids get moving and build confidence! Our camp features a warm-up, an introduction to several sports/activities, a cool-down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.

### President's Day Camp

Feb. 19 • Monday • \$55  
3-4yrs - 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
5-6yrs • 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

A fun introduction to sports designed to help kids get moving and build confidence! Our camp features a warm-up, an introduction to several sports/activities, a cool-down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson. \* Camp will be held at Dalzell Community Gym - 17951 SE Hemrich Rd, Damascus, OR 97089

### RECS Pickleball

Location: 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.

### Adventures Without Limits

Location: View registration for meeting location details.

### Snowshoe Mt. Hood

Jan. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Saturday • Ages 6+ • \$90

Strap on your snowshoes and join expert guides as they share their favorite trails, tricks, and tips as you explore Mount Hood National Forest. No experience necessary. \*AWL provides all the snowshoeing equipment necessary, including winter attire upon request. Participants are asked to bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing for the day.

### Cross Country Ski Trip

Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Saturday • Ages 6+ • \$115

Lace up your boots, strap in your skis and join expert guides as they provide a lesson on cross country skiing and share a day full of adventures along their favorite trails. No experience necessary. \*AWL provides all the equipment necessary, including winter attire upon request. Participants are asked to bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing for the day.

### HV Hikers - Get out and Move!

[www.hvhikers.com](http://www.hvhikers.com)

HV Hikers are always on the move exploring within the valley! 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.







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JANUARY 2024 LIBRARY EVENTS

The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 15.

Book Group Reads

The Happy Valley Library Book Group has been meeting on the 1st Thursday of every month for 10 years. This group has read everything from short stories to memoirs, magical realism to mysteries, with great discussions regardless of whether they loved the books or not.

You can sign up to get the Book Group newsletter on the webpage to get information about next month's read and other book related news.



Join the Happy Valley Library Book Group in exploring diverse worlds, connecting with fellow bookworms, and discovering new genres together.

You can add to your TBR (to be read) pile by checking out the full selection of all the books they've read over the last ten years at [go.lincc.org/hvbg](http://go.lincc.org/hvbg).

Have a new year's resolution to read more or hang out with fellow readers? New participants are always welcome!

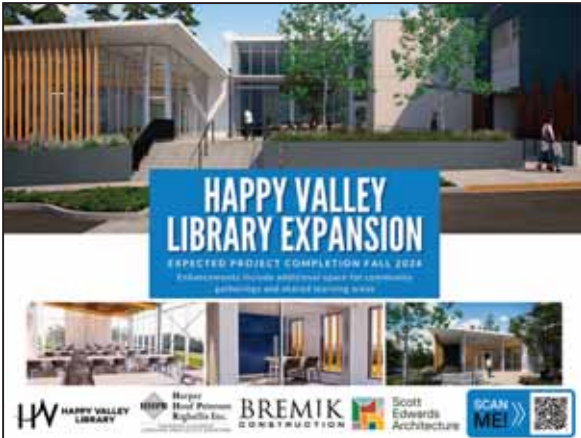
Library expansion update

The 10,000+ sq. ft. expansion project at the Happy Valley Library continued this past month and the structure's footings are now complete. Crews continued to form the walls around the basement and pour the concrete walls at the crawlspaces. Most recently, crews began pouring the basement slab in preparation for wood framing to begin.

The library will continue to remain open throughout the construction process, though some interruptions and/or temporary closures or reduced hours may be necessary from time to time. Completion of the library expansion project is anticipated in Fall 2024. Learn more about the expansion project online at [www.happyvalleyor.gov/library-expansion](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/library-expansion) or by scanning the QR code with your smart device.



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An aerial view of the construction progress shows the library expansion footings and initial wall formations.

TEEN ARTWORK CONTEST

Calling all artists in 6th-12th grade! The libraries in Clackamas County are looking for teens to submit their original artwork to illustrate this summer's theme: Read, Renew, Repeat. The winning entry will receive a \$100 cash prize and be featured in summer reading materials throughout the county!

Teens can use any medium, but the artwork must be 8.5"x11" and contain no words. The deadline for entries is Jan. 15. Find out more, including how to enter, at [lincc.org/teenart](http://lincc.org/teenart).

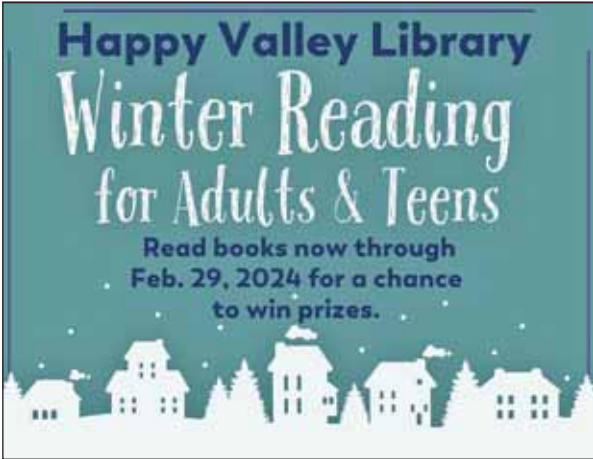


Teen artists have until Jan. 15 to submit their original artwork for this year's countywide art contest.

Winter Reading 2024

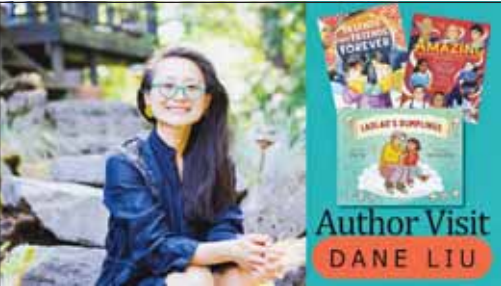
Wintertime is here once again. Fortunately, cold, dark evenings are perfect for spending time with a good book! The Happy Valley Library is having a Winter Reading program to encourage adults and teens to keep reading this winter. There will even be prizes for some lucky participants!

Submit an entry for every book you finish reading between now and Feb. 29. Enter at least once a month to get that month's special button. Prize drawings will be held at the end of each month, with final drawings on Feb. 29. Area residents ages 13 and up are eligible to participate. Visit <https://go.lincc.org/hvwr> to submit your entries.



Teens and adults can cozy up and read for a chance to win prizes during the Winter Reading program.

LIBRARY CALENDAR



Meet and visit with award winning author, Dane Liu, as she reads aloud one of her children's books as part of our many Lunar New Year celebrations.

Lunar New Year Celebrations

Author Visit with Dane Liu

Saturday, Jan. 27, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

For families. Let's celebrate Lunar New Year 2024 with Oregon Book Award-winning author Dane Liu and her newest picture book LAOLAO'S DUMPLINGS, a "moving tale of intergenerational and community bonds," says Publishers Weekly in a starred review. Dane will read aloud, answer your questions, and together we will craft dumpling ornaments to welcome the Year of the Dragon.

Spring Couplets

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

For adults. Chinese couplets are one of the oldest traditions to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Use ink, paper, and brushes to create a couplet for your home with instructor Terri Hsing. Registration required at [go.lincc.org/hvsignup](http://go.lincc.org/hvsignup).

Learn to Play Go

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

For adults, teens, and kids ages 10+. Go (aka Weiqi and Baduk) is an ancient Chinese board game that is over 2500 years old. In Go, two players compete to surround both territory and sometimes their opponent's stones in a strategic battle of wits. Learn the simple rules of the game from members of the Portland Go Club and play games against other new players.

Giờ Kể Chuyện / Vietnamese Storytime

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Hãy đến thư viện vui hát, kể chuyện, làm quen với văn điệu thơ tiếng Việt và cùng làm thủ công với nhau nhé. Join us for a special storytime in Vietnamese with stories, songs and activities for all ages.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

All are welcome to celebrate the lunar new year with crafts, games, and food.

Youth Programs

Storytimes

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



All Together Now activities are great for anyone looking to connect and engage in a fun hands-on project.

All Together Now

Activities for all ages

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

Paper Stars

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Fold some paper stars! Make some to keep and others to decorate the library.

Puzzles

Monday, Jan. 22, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

We'll have puzzles of all different sizes for just the right challenge.

Giờ Kể Chuyện / Vietnamese Storytime

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Hãy đến thư viện vui hát, kể chuyện, làm quen với văn điệu thơ tiếng Việt và cùng làm thủ công với nhau nhé.

Join us for a special storytime in Vietnamese with stories, songs and activities for all ages.

Stretch, Dance, Play

Thursdays, Jan. 4 & 25, 10:15 a.m.

For 2-5-year-olds and their caregivers. Join Iris Nason for dance, yoga, singing, sign language and play!

Sign & Sing

Friday, Jan. 12, 10:15 a.m.

For 2-5-year-olds and their caregivers. Sing, dance, and sign with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers.

Cuentos, música y manualidades / Spanish Storytime

Saturday, Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

¡Los invitamos a la Biblioteca de Happy Valley a disfrutar de una hora de cuentos, música y manualidades en Español!

We invite you to Happy Valley library to enjoy stories, music and crafts in Spanish!

Let's Build

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m.-noon

For K-5th graders and their caregivers. Drop in for some free LEGO building fun.

Tallulah's Daddy

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10:15 a.m.

For ages 2-6 and their caregivers. Drop in for some musical fun with our favorite bass playing dad!

Duplo Play

Monday, Jan. 8, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

For ages 0-5. Let's build together with Duplo blocks! Drop in to play and see what we can make.

Tweens & Teens

Grades 6-12

Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, Jan. 6, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Support the library while earning volunteer hours. Hang out with new friends, share ideas, and make stuff. A safe space for all to be themselves.

Manga and Anime Club

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Hang out with fellow manga and anime fans -- chat about favorites, browse new number ones, eat snacks, make stuff, and watch anime.

Adult Programs

Register or RSVP for programs at <https://go.lincc.org/hvsignup>

Mah Jongg

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

Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your current National Mah Jongg League cards. Contact the library if you would like to learn to play.

Genealogy

Monday, Jan. 8, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors' elusive stories!

Crafting with Calendars

Saturday, Jan.13, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

From bookmarks to envelopes, gift tags to post-cards, take last year's calendar and create something new! Some calendars will be available, but participants can also bring their own to repurpose. Registration required.

String Along

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians. Adults of all

skill levels are invited to drop in and play some music in a casual, jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

Millennial Lotería

Sunday, Jan. 21, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Calling all Millennials! Join us for a few rounds of the modern-day version of the popular Mexican board game, Lotería. Registration is not required, but RSVP to get an email reminder and let us know you'll be there!

¡Lamando a todos los Millennials! Únase a nosotros para algunas rondas de la versión moderna del popular juego de mesa Mexicano, Lotería. No es necesario registrarse, pero confirme su asistencia para recibir un recordatorio por correo electrónico y háganos saber que estará allí.



Millennial Lotería, a modern-day version of the popular Mexican board game, features Millennial humor and nostalgic prizes.

Hearts & Minds

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

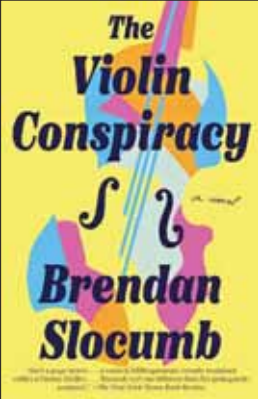
How does the rest of the body influence the brain and mental health? How can you best participate and communicate with your treatment team? This presentation can empower individuals to better manage their mental and physical health. This presentation will be instructed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Clackamas.

Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Read the bright and hopeful fiction title, *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley, and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!

Next month's title (Feb. 1) is *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb.



Get a jump start on next month's Book Group selection.



# 172nd Ave. Project Open House Feb. 22

Learn about the 172nd Ave widening and infrastructure improvements project at open house



City of Happy Valley

To keep pace with the City's growth and future needs, and to reduce congestion and improve safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians, the City is working with Clackamas County to improve infrastructure on 172nd Ave. between Sunnyside Road and Maple Hill Lane.

You are invited to learn about the project and ask your questions at an in-person open house on Thursday, Feb. 22 at City Hall from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



#### Project details include:

- Widening 172nd Ave to four travel lanes between Misty Dr. and Scouters Mountain Road to include bike lanes, landscape strips and sidewalks
- Adding a traffic signal at Troge Road
- Expanding the single-lane roundabout at Scouters Mountain Road to a multi-lane roundabout
- Moving existing utilities underground
- Adding street lighting

Engineering design will continue through winter 2026. Construction is planned from spring 2027 to winter 2028.

Please note, while this is a Clackamas County project and the County manages 172nd Ave., the City of Happy Valley will assist with project coordination and review, and will fund the effort via the City's Urban Renewal District which helps ensure growth pays for growth. Clackamas County will manage and lead the design and construction activities. Together, Clackamas County and the City of Happy Valley recognize this project as a top priority.

To request translation services at the upcoming Open House, please contact the City Recorder at (503) 783-3836 or City Hall at (503) 783-3800 at by Feb. 15.



Visit [www.clackamas.us/engineering/172nd-ave](http://www.clackamas.us/engineering/172nd-ave) or scan the QR code with your smart device for updates and to sign up for the email list.

## Mount Scott Elementary PTO holds first community sale

Calling all vendors, makers and people wishing to clear out gently used items. On Saturday, February 10th, the Mount Scott Elementary School's PTO is holding their first ever Community Sale.

The event will be occurring at Mount Scott Elementary School with vendors selling items and other booths

where you can donate gently used items to donate to the community.

Make sure to mark your calendars for February 10th for a chance to give back, whether it be as a vendor or providing a donation.

For more information, you can contact [communitysale@mountscottpto.com](mailto:communitysale@mountscottpto.com).



## Happy Valley Women's Group collects 50 toys for children in Portland area

The Happy Valley Women's Group spread joy and warmth this holiday season through their heart-warming toy drive on December 13th. Their collective effort resulted in the collection of around 50 toys, destined to bring smiles to the faces of children in the Portland metro area.



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Bringing Holiday Cheer: HVWG Coordinator Mardi Wing (L), Les Schwab Store Manager Rob Herbel (C), and Carol Cercone (R) with their collection for the toy drive.

## Now Enrolling Our New Milwaukie Campus!

Learn more and schedule a tour at [sunstonemontessori.org](http://sunstonemontessori.org)



Our new 12-acre campus houses a nurturing community and a working farm!



**Toddler Program**  
16 months to 3 years old

**Middle School**  
12 to 15 years old