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# National Night Out

## helps bring the community together

Annual event takes place in Happy Valley Park on Tuesday, Aug. 5, beginning at 6:30 P.M.

City of Happy Valley

There’s power in knowing your neighbor. It’s one of the simplest, yet most effective ways to build a safer community — and that’s exactly what National Night Out is all about. This annual event brings neighbors, police, and first responders together to strengthen connections, build trust, and celebrate the spirit of community.

### More than just a block party

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those relationships to grow. It’s an opportunity to meet the people who live nearby, exchange contact information, discuss neighborhood concerns, and foster a culture of safety and support.

At this year’s celebration, residents will have the chance to connect with Happy Valley Police, deputies from the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office,



Country music fans will enjoy live music provided by Slicker at this year’s National Night Out event.

## Concerts in the Valley returns with a tribute lineup for a summer to remember

City of Happy Valley

Concerts in the Valley is back for its 27th season, and this year’s series promises to be more memorable than ever! In celebration of the City of Happy Valley’s 60th Anniversary, we’re turning up the volume with an exceptional lineup of high-energy tribute bands honoring the

legends of music. Get ready to sing along, dance on the grass, and make unforgettable summer memories right in the heart of our community. Every Thursday evening, as the sun dips behind the hills and the stage lights begin to glow, Happy Valley Park transforms into a hub of music, laughter, and connection. The air is alive with the sound of

amps humming, kids playing near the splash pad, and neighbors gathering to enjoy warm summer nights together.

### Fun for All Ages

Little ones will love the Happy Zone — a vibrant, rotating activity area hosted by the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation team. From crafts and games to interactive experiences, there’s

something new each week to spark creativity and joy in our youngest concertgoers. Meanwhile, parents and adults can unwind to the music, connect with friends, and savor the festival atmosphere.

### Tastes of Summer

Don’t forget to bring your appetite! This season’s food and beverage lineup includes crowd

favorites like Steam-Werkz, Kona Ice, Valley Public House, Travelin’ Tom’s Coffee, Cece’s Gyros & Falafel, Papa Murphy’s, and rotating appearances from The Chop Spot or Four Corners Grilled Sandwich Co. Whether you’re craving something savory or sweet, there’s something to satisfy everyone.

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### Community-Powered Events

Concerts in the Valley wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of local businesses. Their sponsorship makes these evenings of free entertainment and community spirit possible, and we're so grateful for their generosity. A huge thank you to this season's sponsors: Sun Glow Home Services, iQ Credit Union, Tree

City Real Estate, Root Mortgage, The Springs at Happy Valley, and Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck. These businesses are more than just sponsors—they're committed partners who help make Happy Valley a vibrant and welcoming place for all. So, grab your lawn chairs, pack your picnic blankets, and join us in the park. Concerts in the Valley 2025 is a tribute to music, community, and 60 years of Happy Valley pride.

**See you in the park!**

# Happy Valley Elementary student becomes 'Chief for a Day'

City of Happy Valley

When it comes to building community trust and strengthening relationships between residents and law enforcement, sometimes the best approach is hands-on. For one Happy Valley student, that idea became a reality during a special experience that placed him right in the center of local policing. Axel Sackos, a student at Happy Valley Elementary, recently had the unique opportunity to serve as "Chief for a Day" — an unforgettable afternoon that gave him a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement in action. With his mom by his side, Axel toured the Happy Valley Policing Center, where he met officers, explored police vehicles (including a motorcycle), and even tested out a radar gun. The experience extended beyond city limits, as Axel was also able to visit the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Brooks Building. There, he toured a SWAT vehicle and met members of the CCSO boat rescue unit. As a special surprise, Chief Richard Sheldon presented Axel with some challenge coins, a tradition in law



Axel Sackos joins local officers during his "Chief for a Day" experience, getting a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement in Happy Valley.



Police Chief Sheldon shows Axel Sackos how to use a radar gun during his "Chief for a Day" experience in Happy Valley.

enforcement circles and a treasured memento from the day. Throughout the experience, Axel was able to connect with officers and staff, gaining insight into

the people and tools that help protect the Happy Valley community. The "Chief for a Day" program was made possible through a partnership between the City of Happy Valley and the Happy Valley Elementary PTO. The experience was part of a fundraising package offered by the school, with the city working closely to make the opportunity both meaningful and memorable. For local PTOs or PTAs interested in offering similar opportunities in future school fundraisers, more information is available on the City's website.

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and firefighters from Clackamas Fire District #1. From climbing into emergency vehicles and testing out sirens to chatting with first responders and asking questions, families will enjoy a hands-on experience that's both educational and fun.

City leaders and community advocates will also be in attendance, including city councilors, city staff, and members of the Traffic and Public Safety Committee, offering a welcoming space for conversations and collaboration. **New this year — a special military presence** We're proud to welcome members of the Oregon

National Guard to this year's event! Located just down the road at Camp Withycombe, the Oregon Military Department has been part of our region's history since 1908. The site is home to multiple Army National Guard units, a military museum, and the 41st Brigade's headquarters. Over the years, the City of Happy Valley has developed a strong relationship with



the Camp, its reservists, and their families. This partnership was further strengthened by the Camp's recent annexation into the city — a

testament to our shared commitment to community and service. **Something for everyone** National Night Out isn't just about safety. It's also a celebration! Enjoy a summer evening filled with live music by fan-favorite band @Slickercountryband, delicious eats, interactive safety exhibits, and plenty of family-friendly fun. And

don't miss the grand finale — a glowing LED dance show that will light up the night! Proudly presented by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and generously sponsored by PARR Lumber, this free community event is a summer favorite you won't want to miss. Let's connect, learn, and celebrate together. See you Tuesday, Aug. 5 at Happy Valley Park!

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# Prevent and control campfire hazards

A campfire can quickly get out of control if not handled properly, so keep these tips top of mind

Clackamas Fire District

It's summer, and that means more people will be outside building recreational and cooking fires. Whether camping or enjoying a summer night in your backyard, Clackamas Fire wants to keep you and your family safe by sharing some safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association.

Before setting up a campfire, be sure it's permitted.

Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves. Place rocks in a circle around your fire area.



Summer is synonymous with campfires and relaxing in the majestic beauty of the great outdoors. Be sure to stay alert and keep these safety tips in mind the next time you build a campfire of your own. (COURTESY PHOTO: CLACKAMAS FIRE)

Never use gasoline or other flammables, or combustible liquids.

Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it entirely out before leaving the site.

Keep a campfire small, which is easier to control, and never leave campfires unattended.

Don't let children or

pets stand too close or play near the fire.

Don't let children add wood or debris to the fire.

If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.

Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for three to five minutes and cover with a clean, dry cloth. Seek medical help if needed.

# Blackberry Cleanup Day was a big success!

City of Happy Valley

On Saturday, June 21st, a dedicated group of volunteers from Boys Team Charity, along with their parents and members of the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation, braved the pouring rain to tackle an overgrown grove of invasive blackberries in Happy Valley Park.

Armed with gloves, clippers, and a great deal of determination, the group spent nearly three hours cutting back the thick tangles of blackberry vines that had taken over part of the natural area. Despite the soggy conditions, spirits were high, and

the teamwork was impressive. By the end of the cleanup, they had filled two large trucks with debris!

Volunteers also discovered a few surprises. Hidden in the thicket were several lost soccer balls, a couple of softballs, a pair of curious snakes, and even a nest of baby bunnies, which had been safely relocated to a quieter corner of the park.

Efforts like these not only restore the health of our park's ecosystems but also show how much can be accomplished when the community comes together — even in the rain. Thank you to BTC and the Parks & Rec Foundation for making a real difference!



A group of volunteers from Boys Team Charity, along with their parents and members of the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation, braved the pouring rain to remove invasive blackberries in Happy Valley Park.

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COUNCIL CORNER

# Passage of the community center bond measure could mean construction beginning in 2026

In July, the City Council approved a resolution for voter consideration of a bond measure to fund the Community Center.

During the next several weeks, the City will draft fact-based educational materials about the measure. In the meantime, here is what's expected to appear on the ballot in November:

**CAPTION: BONDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

**QUESTION:** Shall City provide a Community Center for people to gather; issue up to \$50 million in bonds?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

This measure asks if the City should provide a Community Center for people to gather and issue bonds, which, along with \$20 million the City has already saved for the project, would finance the facility and related site improvements.

Previous city-wide surveys

have indicated a desire for a central location for the community to gather, connect, recreate, swim, and participate in sports and other activities.

The City proactively purchased 40 acres east of 172nd Avenue near the Scouters Mountain roundabout to be the location for the Community Center and a future park. To ensure the project would be shovel-ready if this measure is approved, the City hired a design team to finalize the layout and design of the Community Center. Additionally, the City conducted a competitive process to select a Construction Manager / General Contractor to inform the design team on the constructability of the design, provide feedback on cost-effective strategies, and develop a construction timeline. Cost estimates have been provided by the contractor as well as an independent third-party cost evaluator. The purpose of these steps is to provide greater clarity on the City's ability to deliver the project, should it be approved by voters.

To inform the layout and design, the City gathered several focus groups, conducted multiple surveys, and established a Steering

Committee of Happy Valley residents to provide input on what a future Community Center could include. Based on input received from the community, the community center is expected to include:

- Recreation swimming pool
  - Multi-purpose gymnasium
  - Indoor walking and jogging track
  - Community room with catering kitchen
  - Reservable gathering space
  - Weight and cardio spaces
  - Group exercise room
  - Space for childcare services
- If approved, construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026. Completion is targeted for early 2028.

Programs would be developed by the City Parks and Recreation team with input from the community. The City may seek partnerships with local recreation and fitness businesses to provide programs at the Community Center. Programs are designed for families, seniors, youth, and those in between.

The voter-approved Parks and Recreation Levy currently funds maintenance of existing parks and recreation programs, but does not

raise enough funds to provide a new Community Center.

If approved, this measure authorizes the issuance of a principal amount of \$50 million of general obligation bonds to finance capital costs associated with providing a Community Center and related site improvements. Bond funds would be combined with over \$20 million that the City has saved for this project and \$5 million that the Oregon Legislature has dedicated towards the project.

The estimated annual tax rate for bonds would be \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The median home in Happy Valley has a market value of \$660,000 and a corresponding assessed value of \$360,000, which would result in an annual tax payment of approximately \$184. The actual tax rate and amount may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value. Bonds may be issued in multiple series, each maturing within 26 years of issuance.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, contact Ben Bryant, Assistant City Manager at 503-886-8440 or benb@happyvalleyor.gov.

## HV Community Center taking shape

Progress continues on the design of the future Happy Valley Community Center.

Following extensive public outreach to determine the amenities to be featured, as well as recent meetings with the Parks Advisory Committee and City Council, the City's design team has developed the final design. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026 with completion in early 2028. Learn more by visiting: hv.city/community-center



Progress continues on the design of the future Happy Valley Community Center.

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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

# National Night Out is a great way for the community to connect

It’s not too late to make a plan to join one of the best gatherings in Happy Valley! Tuesday, Aug. 5, is National Night Out. Celebrated all across the country, National Night Out is an opportunity to meet and thank the people who work diligently to keep us safe every day. Plus, you can enjoy live music, food, and conversations with neighbors.



The goal of National Night Out is to create an opportunity for our local law enforcement professionals to interact with residents and share valuable information and tips on how to prevent crime and enhance safety. Conversations between deputies and residents help build



National Night Out presents an opportunity to meet local law enforcement and gain insight into their work. It provides a welcoming environment to discuss any inquiries regarding police services and address important community topics.

a stronger and more connected community, and it is instances like this that help promote positive dialogue that build trust and respect. During the event, you will see Happy Valley Police and the City’s Community Service

Officers engage with residents, offer friendly smiles and handshakes, and answer any questions or concerns you may have. The work that our local Happy Valley police and Community Service Officers do to protect us

is vital to our City’s livability. More than that, these people are also our neighbors, friends, and City partners. We are proud of how much they care about Happy Valley, and we look forward to celebrating them at the upcoming event. National Night Out also honors the efforts of Clackamas Fire District #1, CCOM, American Medical Response, and a variety of other health and safety providers. National Night Out takes place from 6:30 p.m. to dark on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Happy Valley Park. Learn more about the event on page one and join us in showing our gratitude to our first responders. If you miss the National Night Out event, you will have more opportunities to meet with police, as Parks and Recreation will offer some additional activities geared toward families throughout the week.

## Mayor receives Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award

In July, Mayor Tom Ellis was awarded the Irwin Adams Lifetime Achievement Award by the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce. This award is presented annually to recognize an outstanding individual whose long-term commitment, generosity, and leadership have had a profound and lasting impact on the community. As mayor, Ellis has been instrumental in prioritizing infrastructure projects,

including the Superblock sidewalk improvements, library expansion, and a future community center, among others. While big projects take a lot of effort, it’s the little things that have made the most impact. Things like visiting schools to encourage students to participate in the “If I Were Mayor” contest, and teaching second graders about city government on their tours of City Hall. Ellis was elected to serve as mayor, beginning January 2019, and re-elected to serve,

beginning January 2023. He served on the Planning Commission for six years, including a one-year term as chair. In 2011, he was appointed to the city council, was elected to the council in 2012, and re-elected in 2016. He served as council president from 2017 to 2018. Tom is a small business owner and a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been married for more than 33 years. They have called Happy Valley home for more than 18 years.



Mayor Tom Ellis was awarded the Adams Lifetime Achievement Award by the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce.

HAPPY VALLEY NEWS

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# Happy Valley celebrates the Fourth of July with a day of fun and festivities

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley’s annual Fourth of July Family Festival brought the community together for a full day of celebration and summer fun.

The day began with the Happy Valley Hikers enjoying a scenic morning walk, followed by the always-popular community parade, which featured local groups, businesses, and first responders. Families then gathered at Happy Valley Park, where perfect weather set the stage for a day filled with live music, rides and inflatables, local vendors, and lots of good food.

The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks show, illuminating the sky as neighbors relaxed on blankets and basked in the patriotic spirit.

A huge thank you to our event sponsors and Happy Valley Parks and Recreation for making this event possible. Special thanks to volunteers from Boys Team Charity and National Charity League for helping with the parade and cleaning up the park afterward.

This year’s festival was a true celebration of community, and we look forward to doing it again next year!

# Fourth of July for many — once in a lifetime for one

## Local hero, Lawrence Roque, leads family festival parade

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
For Carpenter Media Group

For many families, Fourth of July at Happy Valley Park has become a multi-generational tradition that seamlessly blends everything the holiday represents, including patriotism, nostalgia, reverence, and celebration.

From afternoon baseball and parades to evening cookouts and fireworks, the Fourth of July at Happy Valley Park was yet another success, evolving over the years much like the community that partakes in it.

However, this particular day meant much more for one Happy Valley local, who took center stage to lead the Fourth of July Family Festival, marking an overwhelmingly triumphant experience.

Lawrence Roque, a former East coast native turned Happy Valley local was honored with the title of this year’s “Grand Marshal” at the Happy Valley Fourth of July Family Festival, leading the way for this year’s parade participants as he strolled down what’s been locally dubbed as the “longest shortest parade this side of the Mississippi.”

“I was drafted to the Army during the Korean war when I was 18 years old,” says Roque. “The last three months of my service I was actually loaned out to the Air Force driving a large truck with a large drill attached, digging post holes. It was actually fun!”

Roque, who is 90 years young, went on to detail how he was asked to be a part of the



Grand Marshal Lawrence Roque taking in the day's big events.



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“It was a day that I will never ever forget.”  
— Grand Marshal Lawrence

Fourth of July Family Parade in the role of Grand Marshal.

“I was so excited,” says Roque. “My daughter, Jennifer, sent in a photo of me at the memorial next to City Hall and, from what I hear, Mayor Ellis reached out to see if I’d like to be Grand Marshal. I couldn’t say ‘yes’ fast enough. I really couldn’t believe that they even asked.”

Roque went on to discuss the big day, arriving at the start of the route around 11:30 a.m., where members of the Army National Guard asked Roque which vehicle he wanted to ride in.

“I decided to ride in the Humvee because it was open on top and I could stand,” said Roque. “I was very nervous but also very excited. It was really an honor and I loved every single minute of it. The people in Oregon — especially Happy Valley — are so friendly. I took a picture with at least 50 different people at the park once the parade was over.”

Taking not one moment for granted, Roque then talked about how, after the parade, he and his wife drove around Happy Valley Park while each carrying a small basket with dog biscuits to hand out to all

the furry companions taking part in the festivities, possibly taking their minds off those scary fireworks.

Afterward, Grand Marshal Roque retired from the community festivities to return to his daughter’s home, taking in some much-needed family time to cap off what was a special day.

“My daughter arranged a party at her house at 4 o’clock on the fourth, so after some time at the park we went back to her place and watched the Happy Valley fireworks from her home,” says Roque. “It was a day that I will never ever forget.”

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# City to celebrate volunteers at summer concert

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The City of Happy Valley is proud to have a vibrant and diverse community of volunteers who dedicate their time, skills, and resources to make our city a better place. Whether they are helping out at the library, in the schools, on a City committee and beyond, our volunteers are making a

positive difference.

As a City, the guidance we receive from our volunteer committees is invaluable. We couldn't function without their help. Planning for the future takes a collective vision established by the community. Our volunteer committees work to improve parks, find solutions to neighborhood traffic problems, manage

future growth, provide oversight of how taxes are spent, select rotating public art, and promote youth engagement. They do all this in their spare time, just so that we can live in

a better community.

In recognition of the valuable work that our volunteers do, the City will be highlighting their achievements and thanking them for their

service at the upcoming Summer Concert on Aug. 14. If you plan to attend that evening's concert, we encourage you to join us as we celebrate these special guests.



Volunteers gathered for a group photo last summer in recognition of their work. This year, volunteers will be honored at the Summer Concert on Thursday, Aug. 14.

# Pioneer cemetery gets some TLC



A volunteer helps clean the entrance sign at Christilla Pioneer Cemetery during a community cleanup event on Scouters Mountain.

Community comes together to preserve history and promote safety at Christilla Pioneer Cemetery

City of Happy Valley

On Saturday, June 14th, volunteers gathered atop Scouters Mountain Nature Park to care for one of Happy Valley's most treasured historic landmarks — the Christilla Pioneer Cemetery.

Armed with tools and a spirit of service, members from the Rotary



Volunteers gather near the entrance of Christilla Pioneer Cemetery to receive instructions and tools before beginning the community cleanup effort.

Club of Clackamas, Boys Team Charity and the Happy Valley Hikers rolled up their sleeves to clear brush, remove invasive plants, and help restore the site's natural beauty. Their efforts not only honored the early settlers laid to rest at the cemetery, but also supported the City's

ongoing Wildfire Reduction Program, which focuses on removing ladder fuels and overgrowth to create safer, more defensible green spaces.

This community-driven cleanup was made possible in part thanks to a special grant secured from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office and

the Department of Forestry, which provided the necessary tools and supplies.

The City of Happy Valley extends heartfelt thanks to all who participated. Your dedication helps preserve our past while protecting our future — a legacy we can all be proud of.

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# Summer Sounds: Keeping noise in check in Happy Valley

Warm weather means more time outdoors — barbecues, yard work, and late-night gatherings with friends. While we love seeing our neighbors enjoy the summer, it’s essential to keep noise levels at a reasonable level so everyone can enjoy their homes peacefully.

As your Community Service Officers, we’re here to help ensure Happy Valley remains a welcoming and respectful place to live. At this time of year, we often see an increase in noise complaints. Whether it’s music, barking dogs, or ongoing construction, we’re available to help mediate and address concerns before they become bigger issues.

Know your quiet hours

In Happy Valley, quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. (City Ordinance 8.08.310). During this time, loud, repetitive, or amplified noises, such as loud conversations, power tools, or basketball games, can carry more easily and may disturb

your neighbors. If noise continues despite a warning, it could result in a citation.

Start with a conversation

Often, noise issues can be resolved through a simple and respectful conversation. Your neighbor may not even realize their noise is carrying. If you feel comfortable, try reaching out directly before filing a complaint. But if you’re unable to have that conversation or if the issue continues, we’re here to help.

When and how to report a noise concern

Daytime Complaints (8 a.m. – 6 p.m.): These include issues such as barking dogs, construction noise, and loud music. Community Service Officers respond to these concerns. Submit a report online at hv.city/report-a-concern or call 503-783-3800.

After-Hours Complaints: For noise issues during evening or overnight hours, contact the Happy



Being mindful of noise levels is key to being a good neighbor.

Valley Police through their non-emergency line at 503-655-8211.

How noise is evaluated?

We use decibel meters to evaluate sound levels. When a complaint is made, a Community Service Officer will measure the noise from a nearby public location, like a sidewalk or driveway. If levels exceed the allowed limit, a citation may be issued.

Please note: If a citation is issued,

the complainant must attend Municipal Court to testify. Without the complainant’s participation, the case will be dismissed.

Construction noise rules

Construction is only permitted Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Construction activity outside of these hours is not allowed, regardless of whether the work is professional or DIY.

What About Barking Dogs?

An occasional bark is no problem. But incessant barking that disrupts the neighborhood could be a violation of the City’s Animal Regulation ordinance (6.04.030). This applies to barking, whining, or howling that can be heard beyond the owner’s property. You can report excessive dog noise using our Report a Concern form. For more information about Happy Valley’s noise rules and resources, visit hv.city/noise.

# Youth entrepreneurs shine at Happy Valley’s 4th of July Festival

City of Happy Valley

The spirit of entrepreneurship was on full display at this year’s Happy Valley 4th of July Family Festival, thanks to the dedicated youth who participated in the city’s Youth Entrepreneur program.

Several young makers set up shop at Happy Valley Park, offering handmade items and learning what it takes to run a small business — many for the very first time. Among them was Sophia Trinh, who, alongside her sister Karina Trinh, ran a vibrant booth filled with handmade bracelets and accessories. “Our bracelet booth had an

awesome turnout,” said Trinh. “We couldn’t really keep track, but I think we sold about 85 bracelets!”

In addition to bracelets, they offered colorful cell phone charms that were a big hit with festivalgoers. Their most popular item? Friendship bracelet sets consisting of two custom bracelets in a bag with personalized words and charms.

The Youth Entrepreneur area was filled with creativity and unique products. Festival attendees could browse and purchase items such as crocheted goods, hand-painted rocks, polished geodes, and even pieces of petrified wood — all created and

sold by local youth.

Supporting the young business owners throughout the day was the Happy Valley Business Alliance (HVBA), whose booth was located right next door. Members of the HVBA offered guidance, encouragement, and insight into the world of small business, helping the youth navigate pricing, customer interaction, and display tips. Their mentorship was a valuable resource, and their presence made the experience even more impactful for the young vendors.

The success of the Youth Entrepreneur booths is a testament to the creativity and ambition of our youngest



community members, as well as the power of partnership. With support from the City and the HVBA, the next generation of local business leaders is already off to a strong start.

Visitors browsed handmade accessories at Sophia Trinh’s booth during the 4th of July Celebration at Happy Valley Park.

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# Jazzercise: A Fitness Classic Endures 50-years later

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
for Carpenter Media Group

In an ever-evolving world of fitness, it’s almost impossible to keep up with today’s trends, as with every new niche workout comes the disappearance of a once-beloved practice.

The shake weight? Now a relic. Thighmasters and vibrating belts? Perhaps your next great garage sale find. Even group classes, such as step aerobics, have been difficult to come by over the years.

However, for one famous group workout that dates back to 1969, its endurance has shown that fitness isn’t just about staying healthy, but also the community and fun that comes along with it.

Jazzercise, located off Sunnyside, offers classes designed to incorporate dance cardio with strength training, aiming to give you a full body workout in a class that’s as rewarding to be in as the results you’ll soon see.

“Jazzercise came into my life in 2002,” said Lisa Ewers, who is the co-owner of Happy Valley Jazzercise along with instructor Megan Fox. “I went to a class at the Grange and didn’t realize how fun it was!”

Ewers, who is an instructor herself, notes that the Happy Valley space can accommodate up to 60-70 participants per class, providing ample space to find your groove while having fun with that day’s group.

“I worked my way from babysitter to class manager to an instructor over the years,” says Fox regarding her Jazzercise journey.

So, how has Jazzercise sustained over the years when so many other fitness trends have disappeared?

“Jazzercise continues to pivot with the trends while introducing new formats,” says Ewers. “As women we have realized over the

years that our bodies are evolving, too, and we need to weight train as well as do cardio.”

“The community is also a huge part of it,” adds Fox. “We all support each other through every stage of life, from fighting cancer to having babies. We’ve experienced it all and have grown this community together. I also believe it’s the retention. People come once and love to do it again. We want everyone to be successful and not leave a class feeling discouraged.”

“We also modify based on age, bodies, experience, etc,” adds Ewers. “We show options that are for everybody which has created longevity. It really has become multigenerational for a lot of families.”

Currently, Happy Valley Jazzercise is offering new clients a free week to experience unlimited workouts. Equally, they offer a collection of studio memberships, including an annual pass, pay as you go, class packs, etc.

“We also livestream our workouts for those who are stuck at home or traveling,” says Ewers.

Equally, underscoring the idea of community, both Ewers and Fox discussed some annual events they participate in, including a “Pink Out” in October, where they partner with a nonprofit to help fight breast cancer.

“We all wear pink and deck out the entire studio in pink,” says Ewers. “We try to give back to the community however we can.”

“We’re also very organic,” adds Fox. “We’ll have fundraising events and classes if someone in our class is going through a hard time and needs a hand. We also celebrate birthdays and celebrate weddings. We’re engaged with one another which makes it amazing.”

To learn more, visit [jazzercise.com/studio/or/happy-valley](http://jazzercise.com/studio/or/happy-valley) to learn more.



All that Jazz! Jazzercise co-owners Darci Hall (left) and Lisa Ewers (right).



Happy Valley Jazzercise owners Darci Hall and Lisa Ewers believe that community workouts make exercise more fun.



The Pink Out was a successful event that focused on cancer survivors.



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### August 4

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

### August 5

■ National Night Out Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m.  
\*see page A1 for details

### August 8

■ Library Concert in the Park, Village Green Park: 6:30 p.m.

### August 14

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

### August 15

■ Library Concert in the Park, Village Green Park: 6:30 p.m.

### August 19

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

### August 21

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

### August 22

■ Library Concert in the Park, Village Green Park: 6:30 p.m.

### August 27

■ HVBA Meeting, City Hall: 7:30 a.m.



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# Let your imagination run wild at Venvino Art Studios

## Local studio is where inspiration meets relaxation

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
For Carpenter Media Group

As beautiful and expressive as art can be, it can also be quite intimidating. It's understandable given how the artists who create masterpieces are treated as if they're the only ones capable of their creation.

However, art isn't about the attention it brings nor the level of skill it took to produce, but rather what it means to the artist and how they value the time it took to create it.

Perhaps no local business understands this better than Venivo Art Studios, located at 13329 S.E. Misty Road, which celebrates unleashing your creativity within a space where "inspiration meets relaxation."

"I lived here for a couple of years but then moved away," said studio owner Janice Kiser. "I ultimately decided to come back because I love how the community feels small and connected, even though it's grown so much over the years. It was a big reason why we called it 'Venvino', which translates to 'friends and wine'."

Kiser, who used to work for Tommy Hilfiger, talks about how her childhood dream of owning her own business, combined with her hobby of painting, all came to a revelation when her husband took her on a paint-and-sip date downtown.

"Art always felt so unachievable but, when I attended this, I realized that you don't need to know exactly what you are doing to have fun," says Kiser. "I decided on wanting to bring



**"I decided on wanting to bring that same art experience to my community. You should be able to come in with no experience and create something you're proud of."**

— Janice Kiser

that same art experience to my community. You should be able to come in with no experience and create something you're proud of."

From clay hand-building to glass painting to wood signs to pottery, Venvino Art Studios has something for everyone of all ages. Whether it's a date night where you and your significant other can sip on a local brew or pinot and build your masterpiece, or a child joining a fun summer camp, this business is truly entertainment-driven and artistically inspiring for all.

"Our cafe does offer several west coast beers and wines as well as a slew of hard ciders, juices, Italian sodas, and other



Venvino Art Studios features community art classes.



Venvino Art Studios is located at 13329 SE Misty Dr. in Happy Valley.

goodies," says Kiser. "We also offer plenty of snacks."

Now, as it pertains to their camps, Venvino Art Studios has tapped into the pulse of the next generation, offering

fun camps with a wide variety of themes. For August, some of these themes include Design Your Own Board Game, a (Taylor) Swifty Art Camp, Engineering Art Camp, Video

Game Character Design Digital Art Camp, and plenty of others.

Equally, from teen camps to free storytime sessions to private events, Venvino truly has something to offer for all guests.

"For every camp we'll do one ceramic painting, one canvas painting, some clay, and then a larger project like glasswork, sprinkled with a bunch of little projects to keep people of all ages engaged and to really discover what they like," says Kiser. "I want everyone to know that there are no limits to age or experience when it comes to creating art."

With camps still going on before the start of the school year, feel free to visit [venvino-artstudios.com](http://venvino-artstudios.com) to learn more and sign up for classes and camps today.



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# Celebrating International Beer Day

Beer enthusiasts celebrate all things beer at 30 Taps

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
for Carpenter Media Group

The first Friday in August represents International Beer Day, a global celebration for beers near and far that serve the soul and quench all thirsts. IPAs? You bet! Hard ciders? Don't twist our arms. Pilsners and dark ales? Only if this round is on you!

Let's face it, beer is a universal language that starts with a cheers and finishes with an empty glass, which is why we all love to celebrate it.

So, where better to celebrate International Beer Day than 30 Taps, the heartbeat of the Happy Valley Station that features more selections than its namesake, including a few other libation options that will surely kick off your party right!

"The carts offer an opportunity to please everyone in your family or group," says Val Hunter, the owner, creator, and developer of the Happy Valley Station. "Everybody leaves happy!"

30 Taps, which has been around since the 2015 opening of The Station, has been a staple since the very beginning, growing from 30 local selections on tap to now 35, while also adding other offerings such as house cocktails and a small wine selection as the business evolved.

"It's important that our selection stays within the Pacific Northwest," says Hunter. "Coors light is sort of my



Cheers! A cold cider will help you pivot from a hot day to a relaxing evening.

one exception as everyone loves it and it was my dad's favorite. We offer beers and ciders that fit the territory while also promoting the community, much like the food carts themselves. We like to keep things close to home."

Hunter also noted that both Boneyard Beer and Gigantic Brewing might be the two most popular, having had a home since the beginning of the business, with no signs of slowing down in sales.

"Boneyard Rpm, Gigantic Ginormous IPA, and Fluffhead from Block 15 Brewing

out of Corvallis are extremely popular here," says Hunter. "We also team up with Portland Cider right here in town for their seasonal ciders as well as 2 Towns."

30 Taps also offers custom house cocktails that offer all-natural ingredients with minimal sugar, created from original recipes that are as refreshing as they are reasonably priced.

Equally, 30 Taps pour from Underwood canned wine, offering a small but worthy variety from reds to whites to rosés.

"It's about keeping it simple



Pick your favorite hoppy beverage at 30 Taps.

"We are a family-friendly environment who welcomes anybody and everybody."

— Val Hunter

while reliable," says Hunter. "Keep it rotating to keep it fresh but also keeping it consistent in terms of quality."

Equally as awesome, 30 Taps does offer an exciting happy hour, running Monday through Friday from 2-5 p.m., and during the winter, they offer prices of \$5 for any 16-oz beer or cider. Lastly, there's always a house cocktail special for a 16-oz pour, typically running around \$8.

"I've heard in comparison to many places in the area that we have one of the best happy hours around," says Hunter.

"Oddly enough I'm really into our non-alcoholic drinks, lately, as we have a huge selection. Kids can also come up for a Shirley temple or a cherry Pepsi. We also have great lemonades and have some CBD drinks."

Lastly, Hunter noted the importance of community at The Station, for both customers and vendors alike, and how it's worth a try if you haven't explored the variety of options yet.

"We are a family-friendly environment who welcomes anybody and everybody," says Hunter.



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# Taste of Motorsports cruises into Happy Valley for annual event

*Hundreds come to Valley Public House to enjoy the exotic cars on display*

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
for Carpenter Media Group

The sun shone and the cars glistened at the Valley Public House’s third-annual Taste of Motorsports car show and cruise-in.

Hundreds of car enthusiasts showed up on July 19, to take in the pop-up event that featured 30 different cars on display in the parking lot of Valley Public House in Happy Valley.

From Porsches to Lamborghinis, to Ferraris to BMWs, one-of-a-kind features and finishes were on display under the warm, summer sun.

“This year is our eighth year of operations and our third year bringing this fun pop-up event to Happy Valley,” says Sheri Harbour de Vos, lead of logistics, events, sales, and operations at Taste of Motorsports. “Our big event is at Portland International Raceway on Aug. 24, so we like to do these smaller events as a build up to get people excited.”

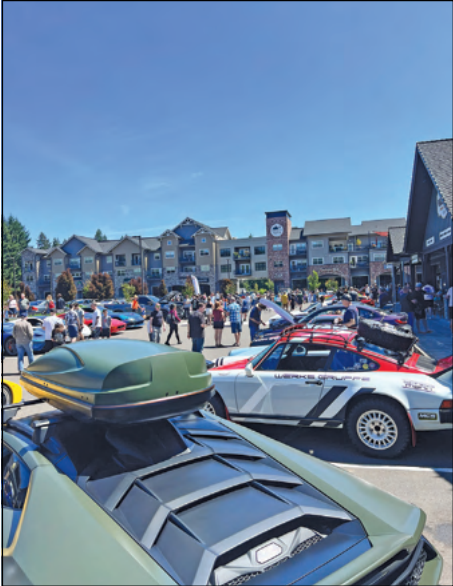
Of course, with concerns of loud engines and driving too fast, Harbour de Vos and her team underscored the importance of public safety and

**“Building and creating a positive Portland automotive enthusiast group is our main goal.”**

— Sheri Harbour de Vos, lead of logistics, events, sales, and operations at Taste of Motorsports



When Homer Simpson meets Porsche, this is the result.



Hundreds of people attended the Taste of Motorsports event held on July 19.



Even non-car enthusiasts were impressed by this Lamborghini.



This vintage MG was only one of the classic cars at the Taste of Motorsports event.

which is weird seeing as my family grew up on the water. I was never really around cars growing up which is bizarre, seeing as it’s been my professional career.”

Harbour de Vos notes that her favorite car at the event was the Lamborghini Diablo, which had only 1,500 kilometers on it from 1999.

“It’s still in pristine condition and it just blows my mind,” says Harbour de Vos. Lastly, she noted the importance of community when it comes to these Taste of Motorsports popups.

“Building and creating a positive Portland automotive enthusiast group is our main goal,” says Harbour de Vos. “There can be a lot of bad press out there in the car enthusiast world and we like to show people you can love cars while being respectful at the same time.”

Given the variety and condition of cars brought to the event, excitement was revved up across the board.


“I come to these every once in a while to take in all the amazing cars, which are things that I’ll likely never afford,” says Mitchell, a car enthusiast and local who brought his dad, Jim, out to the event.

“You can’t top the Lambo,” says Jim. “It’s so rare and in such great condition.”

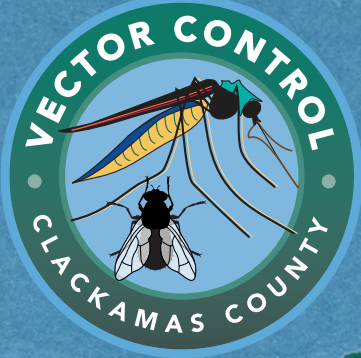
We’ve been here in awe for like 10 minutes already.”

Taste of Motorsports will host its eighth annual “Taste of Motorsports Experience” at Portland International Raceway on Sunday, Aug. 24, a day filled with fast cars, charity rides, and exciting food. There are various ticket packages available, each tailored to the experience that best suits your needs.


To learn more, visit: [tasteofmotorsports.com](http://tasteofmotorsports.com).



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# Oregon Military Museum celebrates grand reopening

City of Happy Valley

Oregonians know that they live in a state with a rich history. Now, they have a museum that brings the state's military history front and center. The Oregon Military Museum, located at Camp Withycombe in Happy Valley, held its grand reopening during the weekend of July 10-12, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 12 and the unveiling of the We Are Oregon exhibit. This exhibit highlights Oregon's military contributions from its earliest days to the present, offering an immersive experience into the lives, sacrifices, and stories of Oregonians who served. With the reopening, the museum is now open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free of charge. Visitors will be treated to previously unseen exhibits and artifacts. The Drill Floor Gallery serves as the museum's primary permanent exhibit, covering the state's military history chronologically through displays of artifacts, photographs and personal stories. The new Weapons Gallery features one of the largest publicly available collections of small arms west of the Mississippi River. The Hall of Valor honors Oregon's Medal of Honor recipients with an interactive digital display where visitors can learn about the extraordinary individuals who performed acts of heroism in service to the country. Meanwhile, the



The Hall of Valor at the Oregon Military Museum highlights Oregon's 13 Medal of Honor recipients. (CMGO/VANCE W. TONG)



Visitors to the Oregon Military Museum will get an unprecedented glimpse into Oregon's military history (CMGO/VANCE W. TONG)

Temporary Gallery will host rotating exhibits, giving visitors a reason to return for new themes and collections. Upcoming events include the Kids Summer Fun Bash on Saturday, Aug. 16, and the Union Soldiers & the Civil War event on Saturday, Sept. 20. More information about upcoming events can always be found online at: oregonmilitarymuseum.org

**A community partnership**

The City of Happy Valley and Camp Withycombe have a community partnership that



Kathleen Sligar, director of the Oregon Military Museum, cuts the ribbon at the reopening of the museum. Happy Valley Mayor Tom Ellis also participated in the ribbon cutting event. (CMGO/CHRIS SWEET)



The We Are Oregon exhibit chronologically details Oregon's rich military history. (CMGO/VANCE W. TONG)



In addition to several other vehicles and artillery pieces, the Oregon Military Museum has a North American F-86 Sabre on display. (CMGO/VANCE W. TONG)

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## AUGUST 2025 LIBRARY EVENTS

The library will be closed on **Monday, September 1.**  
Please visit [go.lincc.org/hv](http://go.lincc.org/hv) for library information, booklists, events, and more.

### PROGRAMS

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

**Let's Hike!**  
Back for a third summer, the Happy Valley Library is excited to continue our partnership with the Happy Valley Hikers. Led by Brett Sherman, this group has an extensive weekly rotation of walks. During the summer, they add two walks a month that start from Village Green Park, across from the library.  
**Upcoming Hikes:**  
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.



Enjoy an evening of opera in the park, featuring talented youth from the Portland Opera.  
**PDX Opera Rising Stars à la Cart**  
Tuesday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m.  
Village Green Park  
It's a special Opera à la Cart, featuring amazingly talented youth from the Portland Opera. Bring a picnic, a blanket or a chair, and join us for a music-filled evening in Village Green Park!

**Adult Programs**  
RSVP for programs at <https://go.lincc.org/hvRSVP>

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

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

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

**American Mah Jongg**  
Fridays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Meeting Room  
Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your current National Mah Jongg League cards. Contact

the library if you would like to learn to play.

**Spanish Conversation Group**  
Sunday, Aug. 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Community Room A  
Practice your Spanish conversational skills through fun role-playing scenarios and conversation topics with other language learners. Please note this is not a Spanish class, but a conversation group. Participants should have at least a beginner's level of conversational Spanish.

**Happy Valley Book Group**  
Thursday, September 4, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Community Room B  
Read *Bear* by Julia Phillips and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Share your thoughts!



### Youth Programs

**Library Lounge**  
Tuesdays, Aug. 5 and 12, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Community Rooms A&B  
Everyone's invited for puzzles, crafts, and other fun!

**Let's Build**  
Wednesdays, Aug. 6 and 13, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Community Room A  
Drop in for some free building fun with LEGO and Duplo blocks.

**Field Day at Centennial Park**  
Thursdays, Aug. 7 and 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Centennial Park (Damascus)  
For ages 3-11. Drop in for crafts and games at Centennial Park in Damascus (behind the fire station).

**Oregon Coast Aquarium**  
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m.  
Community Rooms A&B  
The Oregon Coast Aquarium presents The Art of Conservation! Learn about the causes of plastic pollution, impacts on the ocean, and ways you can help! Then create something beautiful out of everyday trash.

**Family Movie: Mufasa**  
Monday, August 11, 1:30 p.m.  
Community Rooms A&B  
This live-action movie is the ultimate origin story for this king of the jungle.

**Red Yarn**  
Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 p.m.  
Community Rooms A&B  
Get ready for singing and dancing with Red Yarn and his puppet friends.

### Tween/Teen Program

**Tween & Teen Hangout**  
Tuesdays, August 5 and 12, 3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Community Rooms A&B  
Board games, video games, puzzles, and crafts, specifically designed for tweens and teens, ages 10 and up.

### Summer Concerts

The Happy Valley Library is hosting its 10th annual "Concerts in the Park" series, sponsored by the Friends of Happy Valley Library. Once again, these free concerts will be held on Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Village Green Park, located across the street from the library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or a chair, and join us for a music-filled evening!

- August 1 – DJ Action Slacks
- August 8 – Le Bon Bande
- August 15 – Songbird & the Boogie Boys
- August 22 – Pura Vida Orquesta



Local artist Heather Lindaman of Songbird & the Boogie Boys brings her mix of jazz and contemporary favorites for an evening concert in the park.



Accepting the Oregon Daily Journal of Commerce's 2024 Top Projects award were Haley Purdy, SEA Principal Architect; Jenna Hays, SEA Interior Designer; and Sarah Roller, Happy Valley Library Director.

## Expansion Wins Award

On June 12, the Happy Valley Library expansion was given an honoree prize for the Oregon Daily Journal of Commerce's 2024 Top Projects award. The Top Projects award celebrates the region's built environment, honoring the best building and construction projects in the Pacific Northwest. At the event, the DJC honored 53 transformative projects that improved structures, changed skylines and overcame obstacles to achieve greatness.

The library expansion stood

out because of its ability to maintain a single public-facing level for accessibility, despite challenging terrain, and its orientation towards the natural green space, which maximizes visitors' connection with the natural surroundings. The interior space features wood tones and durable, sustainable materials, which support a wide range of potential activities while ensuring easy maintenance. The project outperforms the Oregon Energy code by 30% made possible by the inclusion of a 33-kilowatt

solar photovoltaic array, all-electric HVAC systems and advanced insulation to improve thermal performance, and a robust stormwater management system to control runoff, protecting the adjacent habitat conservation area. The award honors the collaboration of the City of Happy Valley, Bremik Construction, Scott Edwards Architecture, and multiple engineering firms and subcontractors that brought about the project's completion in the fall of 2024.

## Intern Spotlight: Sofia Piccuci

This summer, the Happy Valley Library got some extra help from intern Sofia Piccuci. A Happy Valley local, Sofia recently graduated from Milwaukee Academy of the Arts, where she was the Valedictorian of her class. Wasting no time, Sofia jumped into her role in supporting library programs and services while wrapping up her school year.

Sofia enjoys her job as an intern because it allows her to observe and better understand the more professional aspects of the library and its community resources. "The library allows me to connect with many different kinds of people; all library patrons come from a variety of backgrounds, and I believe that this connection is vital to understanding both the world and our lives," shared Sofia.

At the library, Sofia assists in weekly programs, works on special projects, and even designs some of the bulletin boards and displays throughout the building. "In her short time here, Sofia has made meaningful contributions to the library youth services and programs. In addition to assisting with summer programs, she has researched mental health resources for teens and developed



Intern Sofia Piccuci brings her creativity and commitment in service to support summer programming at the Happy Valley Library.

craft projects for kids," noted Librarian Lisa Taylor, continuing, "her positive attitude and joyful presence are helping to make the library a fun destination this summer." This fall, Sofia will be attending Oberlin College's Conservatory of Music in Ohio to study Classical Double Bass Performance. She will also be running Cross-Country as an NCAA Division III athlete for the school, and her

plans don't end there. After graduation, she intends to play the double bass for a military band or orchestra, then begin her work towards a second career in criminal justice or library science. In the meantime, Sofia finds excitement in learning what a library position could hold for her in the future, and library staff are grateful for her support in bringing services and programs to the community.



Be sure to turn in your reading logs this month for prizes.

## Summer Reading Prize Time

Kids and teens can submit their reading logs anytime in August to receive a free book! Just bring your completed log to the front desk to get your prize. Haven't picked up a reading log yet? It's not too late to get started! Kids and teens need to pick up a reading record by August 8 to complete it before

the end of the month. Adults participating in Summer Book BINGO have until Aug. 31 to turn in their entry forms and BINGO cards. The final drawings will be available on Sept. 2. Haven't picked up a BINGO card yet? Adults can pick up a BINGO packet at the library and read for a chance to win prizes.





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Wednesdays - Happy Valley Park: 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd

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EXCURSIONS

FIELD TRIP FRIDAYS

Field trips depart from Happy Valley City Hall.

Enjoy a new experience and leave the driving to us! 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 are limited. To check out featured field trips, visit: www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks

Forest Park Hike & Pittock Mansion

Sep. 12 • 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+

\$25 - Resident / \$37.50 - Non-Resident

Join us for a moderate 5-mile hike through the lush, green trails of Forest Park, leading up to Pittock Mansion. Take in the forest scenery along the way, then step back in time as you explore the mansion's vintage charm and learn about Portland's history. Enjoy breathtaking views of downtown Portland and Mount Hood from the mansion's beautiful grounds and gardens before heading back down the trail.

Sauvie Island Birding Excursion

Sep. 26 • 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+ • \$28- Resident / \$42- Non-Resident

Explore Sauvie Island in early fall with an expert birding guide. We'll stop at several viewpoints including Raccoon Point, the Reeder Road Viewing Platform, and take a walk down Rentenaar Road. The island is home to a variety of year-round and migratory birds such as Bald Eagles, Osprey, ducks and geese, and songbirds. Afterwards we'll enjoy lunch and libations at Topaz farm, see adorable farm animals, and take a visit to the pumpkin patch.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Summer Concerts in the Valley

July 10 - Aug. 21 • 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • Every Thursday (\*no concert 8/7) • FREE

Get ready to celebrate summer—and 60 years of Happy Valley! This year's Concerts in the Valley lineup is a special tribute to our city's milestone anniversary, featuring crowd-pleasing musical acts that span the decades. As always, the concerts are free to attend and festival-style, so bring your blanket or lawn chairs and join friends and neighbors for an unforgettable evening of music and community. The stage is located near the splash pad, playground, and our Happy Zone games, making it a fun outing for all ages. Food and beverages, including beer and wine, will be available for purchase. For the full concert lineup, visit hv.city/summer-concerts

National Night Out

Aug. 5 • 6:30 p.m.-Dark • Tuesday • Family Friendly Event • FREE

Celebrate community, connection, and public safety at Happy Valley's National Night Out! Now in its 42nd year, this nationwide event brings neighbors together to strengthen relationships and promote partnerships with local law enforcement and first responders. Enjoy an evening filled with family-friendly fun, including food, interactive safety booths, live music, and a special LED Glow dance performance that's sure to light up the night! Meet members of Happy Valley Police, Clackamas Fire District #1, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, and other organizations committed to keeping our community safe and informed. For complete event details, visit hv.city/nnn

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Babysitter Training Course

Classes are held at Happy Valley City Hall - 16000 SE Misty Dr. • Aug. 25th, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Ages 10 - 16 • Resident \$50 / Non-Resident \$75 Our in-person babysitter classes give you access to the latest information on childcare, offer tips, and can answer all your questions so that you're ready to start your own babysitting business. With lectures and class activities, these courses are engaging, informative and fun. Topics covered include: Basic Care for Infants and Children, Basic First Aid, Child Behavior, Age-Appropriate Activities, Emergency Protocols, Professionalism, Leadership, and Growing Your Business. \*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

Chair Yoga

Classes will be held at Happy Valley Library - 13793 SE Sieben Park Way. • Aug. 21 - Oct. 16 (\*no class Sep. 18), 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. • Thursday • Ages 18+ • \$40

A gentle introduction to yoga to improve balance, flexibility, and strength without the use of a mat. Chair Yoga works the whole body with a mixture of stretching, yoga, and calisthenics. This series is ideal for those that have mobility issues or have never tried yoga before. The class begins and ends with meditation to integrate all that the body has learned. Join us in person and feel the benefits of movement, breath, and relaxation. \*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org



SPORTS



SKYHAWKS SPORTS CAMPS

See online listing for program location.

Mini-Hawk Camp

Monday - Friday, Aug. 4 - Aug. 8 • Monday - Friday, Aug. 11 - Aug. 15 • 9 a.m.-noon • \$169 • Ages 4-6

Embark on an adventure with Skyhawks Mini-Hawk where younger children can explore a variety of sports. Mini-Hawk programs offer a fun, structured learning environment while enhancing balance and coordination. Campers improve athletically while learning sportsmanship and teamwork. Perfect for a playful introduction to athletics!

Tennis Camp

Ages 6-12 • Monday - Friday, Aug. 4 - Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-noon • \$169

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

Basketball Camp

Ages 6-12 • Monday - Friday, Aug. 11 - Aug. 15, Half Day: 9 a.m.-noon, \$169 • Full Day: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$230

Dribble, shoot, score with Skyhawks Basketball! Perfect for developing athletes, this program sharpens passing, shooting, and dribbling skills, emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants develop defensive and rebounding abilities in a dynamic setting that promotes personal and athletic growth. Get involved and make a difference on and off the court!

Volleyball Camp

Ages 8-14 • Monday - Friday, Aug. 18 - Aug. 22, Half Day: 9 a.m.-noon, \$169, Full Day: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$230

Dig deep with Skyhawks Volleyball! This program combines the thrill of volleyball with fun while focusing on passing, setting, spiking, hitting, and serving. Beyond skills, volleyball programs emphasize leadership and teamwork, fostering growth as players and team members.

Flag Football Camp

Ages 6-12

Monday - Friday, Aug. 18 - Aug. 22, Half Day: 9 a.m.-noon, \$169, Full Day: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$230

Score a touchdown with Skyhawks Flag Football! This program teaches passing, receiving, kicking, and flag pulling, all while emphasizing heart and spirit. Participants gain confidence and learn life lessons like teamwork and leadership in a fun,

supportive environment. Suit up and get in the game with Skyhawks Flag Football!

Soccer Camp

Ages 7-12 • Monday - Friday, Aug. 4 - Aug. 8 Half Day: 9 a.m.-noon, \$169 • Full Day: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$230

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

Pickleball Camp

Monday - Friday, Aug. 11 - Aug. 15 9 a.m.-noon, Ages 6-12 • \$169

Get in the game with Skyhawks Pickleball, gateway to the fastest-growing paddle sport! This program develops and sharpens pickleball skills like groundstrokes, volleys, and serves in a fun environment while focusing on teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect. Come experience this lively sport while building confidence and appreciation for pickleball!



SOCCER SHOTS CLINICS

All classes are held at Happy Valley Park, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd, Happy Valley, OR 97086

Soccer-Mini

Saturday, June 14 - Aug. 16 • 4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.

Monday, June 16 - Aug. 18 • 3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Ages 2-3 • \$210

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

Soccer-Classic

\$220

Ages 3-4

Saturday, June 14 - Aug. 16 • 3:55 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday, June 16 - Aug. 18 • 4:30 p.m.-5:05 p.m.

Ages 4-5

Saturday, June 14 - Aug. 16 • 3 p.m.-3:40 p.m.

Monday, June 16 - Aug. 18 • 5:20 p.m.-6 p.m.



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

Soccer-Premier

Saturday, June 14 - Aug. 16, 2 p.m.-2:45 p.m., Monday, June 16 - Aug. 18, 6:15 p.m.-7 p.m., ages 5-6 • \$230

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



EFORCE SPORTS CAMPS

All classes are held at Happy Valley Park, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd, Happy Valley, OR 97086

All-Sport Camp

Aug. 4 - Aug. 7, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday - Thursday • \$299

Join us for a high-energy camp packed with football, baseball, basketball, soccer & more! Campers will enjoy fun drills, games, and competitions while building skills, teamwork, and confidence. Open to all skill levels - come play your favorite sports and try something new!



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See online listing for program location.

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Thursdays, July 10 - Aug. 28, 2:15 p.m.-3 p.m., ages 5-8

\$89/month, or \$178 total

A fun introduction to sports designed to help kids get

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

Flag Fun Summer Camp

Wednesday - Friday, Aug. 6 - Aug. 8 • 9 a.m.-noon • ages 5-10 • \$150

During Flag Fun Camp kids begin to learn foundational skills necessary to grow in coordination, cardiovascular endurance, and skills related to running sports. There will be a focus on improving hand-eye coordination, reaction time, accuracy, and overall fitness. Watch your kids set a new standard with sprints, hand-eye coordination, and teamwork using classics like flag football and capture the flag as well as high-energy games like flag parachute and steal the tails. Kids of all ages have a blast playing Flag Fun with their friends!

Hoops, Scoops & Shots Camp

Monday - Wednesday, Aug. 25 - Aug. 27 • 9 a.m.-noon • ages 4-7 • \$150

A combination of four popular sports to create a fun learning experience with: basketball, lacrosse, jai alai, and hockey to learn agility, accuracy, flexibility, balance, endurance, coordination, and speed.



JORDAN KENT SUMMER CAMPS

See registration pages for program locations.

Just Kids Skills - Multi-Sport Camp

Ages 6-12 • Monday - Thursday, Aug. 18 - Aug. 21, Half Day: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$169. • Full Day: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • \$199.95

Bring on the fun! Multi-sport camps where campers can choose daily between non-contact football, soccer, or basketball. Campers will participate in sport skill and agility training, wacky games, daily life skills, and nutrition education, all encompassed in our exciting and engaging camp atmosphere! Includes a t-shirt and post camp goodie. Sunshine, sports, games and fun, a Just Kids Skill Camp is number one!



ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

ASTRONOMY CLASSES

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

Rocks From Space 1: The Oldest Rocks On Earth

Sep. 15 - Nov. 3, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. • Monday • Ages 18+ • \$100

Explore the fascinating history of meteorites and their role in understanding our planet's origins. This course covers prehistoric and ancient records of meteorites, groundbreaking scientific revolutions in their study, early theories about their origins, and insights into their chemistry, mineralogy, and dating methods that reveal the origin and history of our solar system. \*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS CLASSES Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex - 12915 SE King Rd.

Full Day Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (noon-12:30 p.m. is supervised lunchtime for Full Day Students)



WEEK 8: World Games Engineering

Aug. 4 - Aug. 8 • 9 a.m.-noon • Monday - Friday • Ages 7-12 • Half Day Tuition: \$279, Full Day Tuition: \$439

The competition is heating up with the Engineering For Kids World Games! In this program, students will compete for the gold as they take on exciting engineering challenges related to the greatest athletic competitions. Students will explore a wide variety of science and engineering concepts related to various athletic events while applying EPK's Engineering Design Process. Get ready to step up to the podium as we declare victory in inspiring the next generation of engineers!

Survival on the Red Planet: Mission to Mars

Aug. 4 - Aug. 8 • 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 7-12 • Half Day Tuition: \$279, Full Day Tuition: \$439

This class is all about understanding the science, technology, and engineering that will make human habitation on Mars possible. Students will learn about the Artemis Mission and how it is paving the way toward the ultimate goal of sending human beings to Mars. Students will explore topics that address humans' basic needs for survival on the Red Planet, such as water, oxygen, solar energy, and protection from UV radiation. Students will engage in fun and exciting hands-on investigations, experiments, and

building challenges. Students will work in teams to design and build a physical prototype of their own Mars base.

WEEK 9:

Civil Engineering: Strategic Structures

Aug. 11 - Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday - Friday • Ages 7-12 • Half Day Tuition: \$279, Full Day Tuition: \$439

Put on your hardhat and get ready to raise the roof with the fun and excitement of civil engineering. In this camp, students will learn how to engineer while being mindful of the forces acting upon a structure, such as bending, compression, torsion, and shear. They will learn that shape and materials selection are critical to the success of towers, bridges, and highways. Each day, students will use the EPK Engineering Design Process to engage in captivating civil engineering challenges. This camp is sure to take learners' curiosity and skills to new heights.

Electrical Engineering: High Voltage Hijinks

Aug. 11 - Aug. 15 • 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 7-12 • Half Day Tuition: \$279 • Full Day Tuition: \$439

Get powered-up for an energetic week of electrical engineering! In this camp you will learn how to generate power using electromagnets, electrical circuits, wind turbines, and solar panels. You will take on exciting, hands-on engineering challenges and put your creations to the test using the EPK Engineering Design Process. This is an illuminating experience you won't want to miss!

WEEK 10:

Jr. Environmental Engineering

Aug. 18 - Aug. 22, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 4-7 • Half Day Tuition: \$279, • Full Day Tuition: \$439

Are you ready to get down and dirty

searching for solutions to some of our biggest environmental problems? In Junior Environmental, students ponder some truly "hot" environmental issues. Students in this class save endangered animals, help plants grow and create protection from the sun's heat. By investigating natural process like erosion, animal adaptations, and plant growth; we discover ways that we as engineers can be inspired by the world around us to take on all sorts of challenges.

Jr. Electrical: Engineering Electrified

Aug. 18 - Aug. 22 • 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 4-7 • Half Day Tuition: \$279 • Full Day Tuition: \$439

Get charged up for this exciting week of electrical engineering! In this camp you will explore a wide range of foundational concepts related to electricity, such as magnetism, static electricity, circuitry, and more. We will spark your imagination as you tackle electrifying, hands-on engineering challenges using our EPK Engineering Design Process. Explore, discover, illuminate!

THE Y

See online listing for program location.



Camp Zine

Monday - Friday • Aug. 18 - Aug. 21 • 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Ages 6-13 • Cost \$288

Campers will explore various types of zine-making from simple single page zines to more elaborate forms of book binding. Each participant will learn how to take their ideas from brainstorming into final editioned zines ready for sharing utilizing printing techniques that explore various ways of creating multiples. We will explore the rich history of self-publication and creative writing, as well as independent comics and illustrations through hands-on-learning and creation independently and as a group.



Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness

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

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Beginners)

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

FREE

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

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

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

FREE

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

Chair Yoga

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

FREE

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

Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

FREE

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



HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

TO REGISTER, CHECK OUT HV.CITY/PARKS

FINE ARTS

SWEET LOMY ART WORKSHOPS

Location: Happy Valley Library - 13793 SE Sieben Park Way  
**Fused Glass Plate Making**

Aug. 11 • 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
• Monday • Ages 12+ • \$65

Design and craft your own unique fused glass plate in this hands-on class! Whether you prefer bold patterns, vibrant colors, or a minimalist design, you'll learn how to cut and arrange glass to bring your vision to life. Explore layering techniques, color combinations, and basic fusing principles to create a one-of-a-kind 6" plate perfect for display or everyday use.



In this class, children will explore music, movement, balance, and basic dance steps in a welcoming and upbeat atmosphere. Designed for children to engage independently, parents won't be joining them on the



dance floor. Instructors will ensure a lively and positive experience, keeping the music and curriculum flowing.

**Ballet, Tap & Jazz**

Tuesdays • Sep. 16 - Dec. 9  
5 p.m.-5:45 p.m. • Ages 3-5yrs  
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 6-9yrs  
Thursdays • Sep. 18 - Dec. 11  
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 3-5yrs  
\$240

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.

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

**Toddler and Me**

Mondays • Sep. 15 - Dec. 8 • 5:55 p.m.-6:40 p.m.  
Thursdays • Sep. 18 - Dec. 11 • 5:00 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.  
\$240

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

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

stamps, and designs. Come with your own idea or choose a project sample to try. Then glaze your piece in one of the many glazes we have! You will learn all you need to know to create your first pottery piece, from holding your first lump of clay to glazing your finished pieces. Classes are at the same time with Bryan or Chris so you can observe what is going on in either class. Come and play with clay!

**Friday Night Two-Fers**

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. • ages: 18 +  
• \$90 per pair • limit: 4 students for wheel work, 6 students for hand-building

Friday, August 22  
Friday, September 12  
Friday, September 26  
Friday, October 3  
Friday, October 24

Want a friend or date night with your favorite person? Come play with clay and learn how to create by hand-building or experience the pottery wheel. Everything you will need will be provided. The Pottery Wheel project is to make a bowl, mug or small vase. The Hand-building project is to make a wall vase, a mug, or a utensil holder...Bryan will instruct all pottery wheel work and Chris will teach hand-building techniques for the bird house. At the end of the class, you choose the glaze you want your finished piece to be fired.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

NORTHWEST FLY FISHING OUTFITTERS CLASSES

See program descriptions for locations.

**Intro to Fly Fishing**

In Class - Aug. 20, On River - Aug. 23

Ages 18 + • \$100 - includes 1 in class and 1 on river session, waders, boots, reels & fly rods

This class is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of fly-fishing, providing them with a solid foundation to enjoy and excel in this rewarding sport. Unlike typical casting classes, our course covers a wide range of topics essential for beginners. The course will be split into two types of sessions: one that takes place in the classroom and one that is on-site. The classroom session will involve instruction, discussions, and activities to prepare you for the on-river session which will provide a hands-on experience where you can apply what you've learned in a practical setting. No prior experience is necessary; all skill levels are welcome.



Hot days, cool gear

at the HV Store!

City of Happy Valley

Summer is in full swing, and the Happy Valley Store has everything you need to make the most of it!

From stylish sunglasses and reusable water bottles to branded hats and brand-new T-shirts designed by a talented local resident, we've got

your sunny day essentials covered. Whether you're heading to the park, exploring local trails, or just enjoying the warm weather, be sure to stop by and shop local. You'll find fun, functional items perfect for the season, all right here at City Hall! The Happy Valley store is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



TIPPI TOES DANCE CLASSES

See program descriptions for locations.

**We Love Unicorns Dance Camp**

Aug. 18 -Aug. 20 • 9 a.m.-noon • Monday - Wednesday • Ages 3-6yrs • \$155

If your little one loves unicorns, this camp is perfect! We'll have dance, storytelling, arts & crafts, and unicorn-themed games to keep the kids entertained and enchanted. We will also have a short snack break—snack provided by students. It's a magical experience they won't forget!

**\*Location: Happy Valley Library - 13793 SE Sieben Park Way.**

**Baby Ballet**

Mondays • Sep. 15 - Dec. 8 • 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

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

Tuesdays • Sep. 16 - Dec. 8 • 9:30am - 10:15am

**\*Location: Sunnyside Grange - 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd**  
Ages 2-4yrs • \$240



THE CLAYHOUSE POTTERS

All classes will be held at The Clayhouse Potters Workshop - 19860 SE Borges Road, Damascus, OR

**Introduction to Pottery Series - Wheel Work or Hand-Building**

Saturdays • 10 a.m. - noon • Ages 18 + • limit: 4 students for wheel work, 6 students for hand-building

Aug. 23 - Sept. 12

Sept. 20 - Oct. 18

Oct. 25 - Nov. 15

Experience the joy and fun of playing in the mud! Either try out shaping bowls and mugs on the pottery wheel with Bryan or hand-building projects with Chris. All you need is to show up! We provide the clay, tools, textures,

# 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!

**Reasons to Scoop:**

- When it rains, storm runoff carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.
- Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial aquatic vegetation, wildlife and fish.
- 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

Clackamas Water Environment Services produces clean water, protects water quality and recovers renewable resources. We do this by providing wastewater services, stormwater management, and environmental education. It's our job to protect public health and support the vitality of our communities, natural environment, and economy

Learn more at [clackamas.us/wes/education](https://clackamas.us/wes/education)