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The proposed Happy Valley Community Center would provide year-round recreation options for Happy Valley residents.

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED for the Happy Valley bond measure?

Cit of Happy Valley

This November, Happy Valley voters will have the opportunity to consider Bond Measure 3-626, a proposal to fund the construction of a Community Center on city-owned property near 172 Avenue and Scouters Mountain roundabout.

The FAQs have been created to help educate voters on the ballot measure. For more information, please visit: hv.city/community-center.

The proposed bond measure is \$50 million. If passed, the property tax rate is estimated to increase by \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The tax revenue would be used for building a facility with recreation, aquatics, and gathering spaces for community use.

If the measure passes, construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2026 and finish in 2028.

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Cardio and weight machines would be a part of the proposed recreation center.



An indoor pool is just one of the many amenities the Happy Valley Community Center would provide.



Community input has been extremely important to developing a plan for the Happy Valley Community Center.

Pleasant Valley Elementary welcomes a new principal

A one-on-one with Christina Anderson

By JOSIAH PENSADO
For the Happy Valley News

Pleasant Valley Elementary, which hosts 330 students and 42 staff members, welcomes its new principal, Christina Anderson.

She brings 20 years of education experience from the Reynolds and Oregon City School Districts, as well as being the principal of Clackamas River Elementary. According to her, Pleasant Valley Elementary is much different from any other school she has worked for.



CHRISTINA ANDERSON

“One of the big things is just how involved everyone is in the community,” Anderson says, “When I send out an email, I get tons of views and participation, it’s just a community school.”

Anderson says that this level of engagement is what excites her about working for Pleasant Valley. She plans to engage with parents and students as frequently as possible to help foster a good relationship.

She says that in the past, what has helped her be a successful principal is to “be out there.”

“So be out there at pickups, drop-offs, you go to all the events, you show up to the PTA meetings,” said Anderson. “You make yourself visible and available.”

“It still takes time,” she said. “There are 350 families, but just reaching out when you have questions, talking to parents when you see things bubble up. So, if you see something that a kid’s doing well, tell the family... It’s just spending time making connections.”

Anderson hopes to make some changes for the 2025-2026 school year, including hiring a new kindergarten teacher to reduce the class size from 31 to about 20, and fostering the fifth-grade leadership program.

The fifth-grade leadership program allows fifth-graders to help mentor kindergarten and first-grade students. Although initially made by the prior principal, this program is only in its second year at Pleasant Valley, and Anderson is eager to continue with it.

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If the measure passes, what would be included in the proposed Community Center?

Based on input received from the community, the community center would include:

- Recreation swimming pool
- Multi-purpose gym
- Indoor walking and jogging track
- Community room with catering kitchen
- Reservable gathering space
- Weight and cardio spaces
- Group exercise room
- Space for child watch services

Where would the proposed Community Center be located?

The City owns 40 acres east of 172nd Avenue near the Scouters Mountain roundabout. This area is the planned location for the Community Center.

What is the anticipated construction timeline?

If the measure passes, construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2026 and finish in 2028.

Why has this bond measure been referred to the voters?

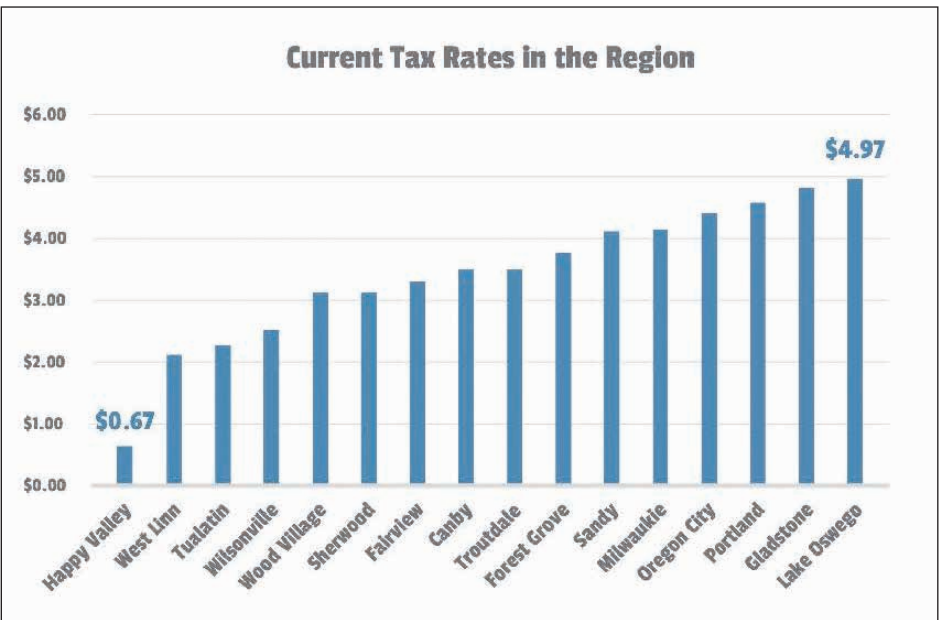
Previous city-wide surveys have shown a desire for a central location for the community to gather, connect, recreate, swim, and participate in sports and other activities.

Community input gathered during planning identified interest in a local place for children's activities, programs for seniors, fitness opportunities, and community events.

Measure 3-626 would authorize an increase in property taxes, which would allow the City to issue bonds, funding a significant portion of the cost for construction.

What would happen if the bond measure passes?

If the measure passes, property tax revenue would be used for constructing the proposed Community Center. The



Happy Valley's permanent property tax rate is one of the lowest among nearby cities, including Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, and Oregon City.



Cardio and weight machines would be a part of the proposed recreation center.

City has also saved over \$20 million, and the Oregon Legislature dedicated \$5 million. Oversight of the project and the expenditure of funds would continue to be provided by the City Council, Budget Committee, and the Parks Advisory Committee. Residents would receive regular updates to share information about progress and funding use.

If the measure passes, how much property tax would one pay and for how long?

For a typical home in Happy Valley with a market value of \$660,000 and an assessed value of \$360,000, the estimated cost would be \$15.33 per month, or \$184 per year, over a period of 25 years.

If the measure passes, this bond would be separate from the existing Parks and Recreation Levy, which supports maintenance of current parks and recreation programs but does not cover new construction.

What would happen if the measure doesn't pass?

If the measure doesn't pass, the City would not move forward with construction of the Community Center as proposed, and property taxes would not be increased.

Doesn't Happy Valley already have a local Parks Levy?

While the City does have an existing

Parks and Recreation Levy, it is only designated for maintaining parks and supporting recreation programs. It does not include provisions for developing new facilities. The proposed bond is specifically intended to fund the construction of a new Community Center.

Is there a Parks Master Plan?

The City adopted a Parks Master Plan in 2017 after extensive community input. The plan documents input received from residents expressing interest in a local community center, new recreation opportunities for families, and amenities that serve all ages.

How does the City decide what Parks projects to build?

Projects are prioritized based on community feedback, financial feasibility, and need. Public surveys, meetings, and the Parks Advisory Committee all help guide decisions, with final approval from the City Council.

How were residents involved in the planning process?

To inform the design, the City conducted surveys, held focus groups, and convened a Community Center Steering Committee made up of Happy Valley residents. These efforts helped shape the planned amenities and programs.

What steps has the City taken to prepare for the proposed project?

The City has already purchased land, hired a design team, and selected a Construction Manager/General Contractor to help with cost estimates and construction planning.

Who will operate and maintain the proposed Community Center?

If the measure passes, the City of Happy Valley plans to operate and maintain the Community Center with funds generated by the proposed property tax and user-related fees (i.e., daily, monthly, and annual passes).

Are there other options to pay for building the Community Center?

During the Community Center Feasibility Study phase, the City explored multiple financing options. Those included using urban renewal funds,



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Bond

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Parks System Development Charges, funds received through a legal settlement during the withdrawal from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, and a general obligation bond. Not one source of funding could fully cover the cost of the Community Center. Therefore, during discussions with the Community Center Steering Committee, Parks Advisory Committee, and City Council, it was determined that the most effective funding strategy would be to pursue a ballot measure authorizing an increase

in property taxes. If passed, the property tax rate is estimated to be increased by \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The tax revenue would be used to repay up to \$50 million in general obligation bonds. Additional funding sources may be used as needed to complete the project.

Will I still have to pay a daily or monthly fee to visit the Community Center?

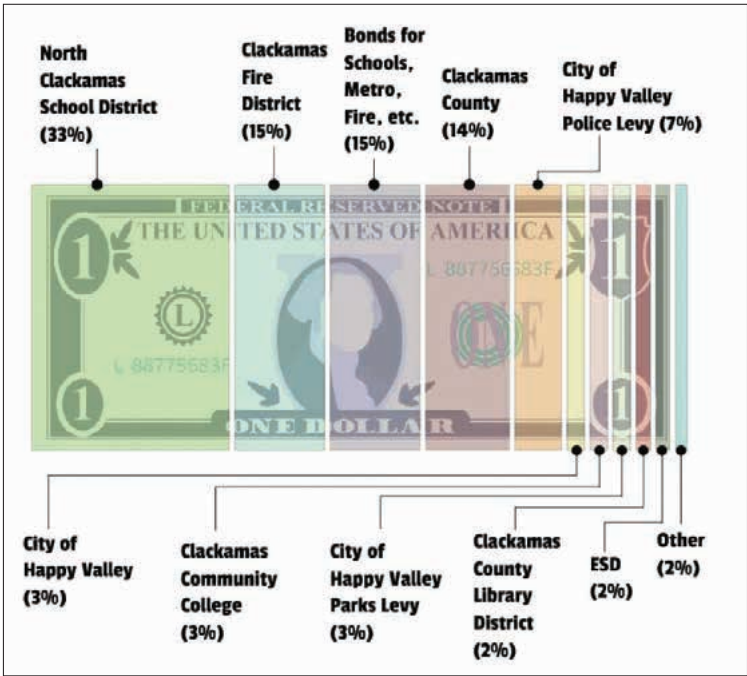
Yes. Visitors would likely pay a daily entrance fee or purchase a membership. The City hopes to offer affordable options, discounts for residents, and assistance for those with financial need. More details will be shared if the bond is approved and planning continues.

How much of my property taxes go to the City?

Happy Valley receives 15% of local property taxes. That includes:

- 3% for its permanent tax rate for general fund services
 - 2% for library services
 - 3% for the voter-passed local option levy that funds parks and recreation
 - 7% for the voter-passed local option levy that funds police services
- The rest of the residents' tax bill goes to schools, Clackamas County, and other service districts.

For more information about the Community Center bond measure, visit: hv.city/community-center



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Principal

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“It’s been really neat to watch our fifth graders come in and take responsibility and show these younger students what they could be doing and what they can strive towards,” Anderson says,

“For example, fifth-graders come into the cafeteria and help out kindergarten and first graders with recycling. They might go out to the playground and just help if there’s a problem... It’s just little things where they can show that they’re there to do the right thing and model that for our younger kids.”

She says that Pleasant Valley Elementary already has a solid foundation of teachers and classes in place. Pleasant Valley’s students take more responsibility for their education through more responsive classrooms, a strategy that Anderson used while at Estacada’s Clackamas River Elementary.

“My goals for the next few years are just to continue to share with our students where they’re at in their learning so that they can continue to be a part of that process,” Anderson says, “We have some teachers that are experimenting with continuous improvement.”

One thing Anderson wants to emphasize throughout the elementary school is ensuring that students do not depend on technology for everything. She wants students to love exploring, love learning, and ask, “Why?”

“We have to teach them to love exploring and teach them to love the actual learning process instead of just looking for the quick answer. They do need to learn how to access technology and use it appropriately,” Anderson said.

Beyond changes in technology and class sizes, Anderson says the biggest thing she and the parents of students can do is to communicate, saying that her door is always open. “You can always come to us first,” she said.

According to Anderson, elementary-aged students can change so fast in such a short period of time, and this can be the hardest thing about education. However, this same feeling that can cause anxiety also inspires a sense of excitement.

“It may be the most anxiety-producing, but that is because it matters the most. Just looking for where I can help input new strategies to work with our families and kids, to increase the success rate because our goal is 100% of kids all the time,” says Anderson.



Members of the Happy Valley City Council, volunteer committees and the Happy Valley Hikers participate in the ribbon cutting for Mt. Scott Creek Trail.

Mt. Scott Creek Trail reopens more accessible than ever

Community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting celebration

City of Happy Valley

In September, community members, city officials and trail enthusiasts gathered in Southern Lites Park to celebrate the grand reopening of the newly improved Mt. Scott Creek Trail.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the completion of significant enhancements designed to make the trail more accessible, safer, and more enjoyable for all.

Nestled on nearly nine acres of lush, forested land just west of

Southeast 129th Avenue, Mt. Scott Creek Trail has long been a favorite for walkers, joggers, families and nature lovers looking for a peaceful escape. But the trail’s infrastructure needed updates. After a year of construction, the improved trail has new features:

New asphalt pathways make the trail more navigable for everyone.

An upgraded boardwalk that allows visitors to traverse safely in wet conditions while also protecting the creek-side habitat.

A bridge crossing over the creek that improves connectivity and safety.

ADA upgrades, including new ramp entryways, wider pathways, and more even grading, ensure better

access for people of all abilities.

For Happy Valley, the reopening of Mt. Scott Creek Trail signifies more than just improved infrastructure. It represents the city’s ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. During the past few years, multiple trails have been updated to ensure broader access, and every city-managed park features all-abilities playgrounds.

The improvements to Mt. Scott Creek Trail were made possible in part by a Community Path Grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation. We hope that all residents will take advantage of the updated trail and enjoy the beautiful landscape of Happy Valley for years to come.

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citizen-led committees guide these efforts, including:

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

These committees provide strategic guidance to the City Council. The community volunteers on these committees chart a path for implementing a consistent design style for commercial developments, create

traffic solutions at key bottlenecks, and select artwork to be featured in the community.

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

While not every committee has a vacancy at this moment, the City is always accepting new applications. To apply for one of these appointed advisory board positions,



Committee volunteers being celebrated at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event.

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For more information and an application, visit <http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions>.

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



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Thank You Representatives Dobson & Nguyen

On behalf of the City Council, I want to thank Representatives Dobson and Nguyen for their efforts in Salem to secure \$5 million in funding from the State of Oregon that will go towards the cost of constructing the Happy Valley Community Center.

Long before the 2025 legislative session began, both representatives met with city staff and council members to develop a strategy for securing State funding for the Community Center project. Throughout the session, they advocated for the project amongst their colleagues. Senate Bill 5531, which authorizes the \$5 million grant, passed the House of Representatives and Senate with bipartisan support.

In September, the City Council and I were honored to recognize both representatives with a commemorative Happy Valley Community Center Annual Pass. For more information on the Community Center project, including the upcoming bond measure, construction timeline, and overall designs, visit hv.city/community-center.

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Tom Ellis



Mayor Ellis and members of the City Council presented a commemorative Happy Valley Community Center Annual Pass to Rep. Dobson and a staff member for Rep. Nguyen.

Light Up Your Walks and Rides: Stay Safe This Season

As the days get shorter and visibility drops, the City of Happy Valley wants everyone—drivers, walkers, bikers, and joggers to stay safe.

This fall and winter, accidents and mishaps can increase when it's harder to see and be seen. That's why Happy Valley Parks & Recreation, in partnership with the Happy Valley Police Department, is stepping up to help our community stay visible.

To promote safety on neighborhood streets and sidewalks, we are once again offering free flashing safety lights for residents. These handy

lights are perfect for anyone who enjoys evening walks, early morning jogs, or bike rides around town. Just a little extra visibility can make a big difference in helping drivers and other community members see you.

Lights are available at Happy Valley City Hall, Happy Valley Library and the Community Policing Center during regular hours. Keep an eye out for our Community Service Officers—they'll also have lights with them while patrolling neighborhoods. One light per resident, while supplies last.



Stay visible as days get shorter. Grab a free safety light at City Hall, the Community Policing Center or the Happy Valley Library.

The City's Public Safety Team also reminds everyone to stay alert and cautious:

Stay focused. Avoid distractions like texting or using your phone

while driving.

Keep an eye on walkers. Watch carefully when pulling in or out of driveways, and be mindful of children, pets, and neighbors on sidewalks.

Take it slow in neighborhoods. Parked cars can block your view, so reduce your speed and be ready to stop for anyone stepping into the street.

Give pedestrians space. Always allow plenty of time for people to cross safely and double-check before moving your vehicle.

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Be aware of fall’s fire hazards

The leaves are beginning to turn, the weather is starting to cool, we have finally put away the last of our summer gear, and soon, fireplaces will begin to crackle.

A common, and preventable, cause of house fires in the fall is an improperly maintained chimney or fireplace. Clackamas Fire responded to nearly two dozen chimney fires in 2024 and recommends taking a few simple steps to keep your home safe from chimney fires:



Schedule a chimney inspection with a certified professional to catch and identify potential issues.

Double-check proper ventilation before lighting a fire. The damper should fully open to maintain proper airflow and prevent smoke from filling your home.

Only burn seasoned wood that has been dried for at least six months. (Avoid burning wet or green wood! It creates excessive smoke, sparks, and creosote buildup.)

Keep an eye on creosote, a flammable residue that builds up inside chimneys. The best way to minimize buildup is by only burning dry wood and staying up to date on chimney maintenance.

Consider taking extra precautions by installing a chimney cap (to keep animals and debris out) and using a fireplace screen (to prevent sparks and embers from escaping into your home).

Clackamas Fire wishes everyone in Happy Valley a happy, healthy, and safe October!

Road work projects by the numbers!

City crews completed a number of projects this summer

The City of Happy Valley has over 170 lane miles of roadway, totaling a value of almost \$82 million.

The City is committed to maintaining and improving its road network, which is essential for the safety and mobility of residents, businesses, and visitors. Road construction projects are aimed at repairing wear and tear damage caused by weather, general traffic use, and aging, but also at enhancing our transportation system’s capacity, efficiency, and sustainability.

Crack Seal & Slurry Seal

Using information from pavement conditioning analysis, the City prioritizes and plans annual street maintenance based on each street’s Pavement Quality Index Rating (PQI). An external consulting firm conducts this evaluation, objectively analyzing streets following the standard industry ratings. Every street in the City is monitored and scheduled for treatment at one point or another to extend the life of our roads. Crack sealing is the injection of hot tar or asphalt into cracks and seams of the roadway. This works to prevent water from seeping in and creating base failures in the road’s infrastructure. Slurry Seal supplies a mixture of liquid



Slurry seal treatment is spread on the top of roadways to help extend their life.

asphalt and fine aggregate to the road surface. This helps preserve pavement and provides a new driving surface. This summer, the City crack sealed 8.3 total miles of road and slurry sealed 2.7 total miles of road.

Street striping and painting

In August, you may have seen crews out and about as the City launched its annual street striping work, which covered 26.7 total miles. This work includes repainting center line stripes as well as refreshing the markings for bike lanes, City parking lots, stop bars, speed bumps, crosswalks, and turn arrows. Additionally, curbs designated as no parking areas may have received a glow-up as these areas were power-washed and repainted. These efforts ensure that frequently used areas remain visible and easily identifiable.

Pothole repair

Potholes make streets less

drivable, increase wear and tear on vehicles, and contribute to safety challenges for drivers and pedestrians. Repairs associated with this include the patching of ruts, depressions, bumps, and pavement edge defects on City streets. The City inspects for potholes throughout the year and repairs them in alignment with the Pavement Quality Index, an industry standard rating system that helps the City prioritize restoration work.

Road construction and maintenance may cause temporary inconveniences and delays, but the result is improved efficiency and safety for travelers. On behalf of the City, the engineering team would like to extend a special thank you to residents who are impacted by road projects. Your patience and cooperation with the City to keep our shared roads in tip-top condition are greatly appreciated.



City of Happy Valley

At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check hv.city to confirm timing of events and instructions on how to participate virtually. You can also opt in to receive notifications about upcoming meetings by visiting hv.city/notifications

October 2

■ Coffee with a Cop: 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Peet’s Coffee-15918 SE HVTC DR.

October 4

■ Oktoberfest: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Happy Valley Park 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.

October 7

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Rain or shine, the run must go on

Happy Valley Running Club benefits both mind and body

By JONATHAN DYER
for Happy Valley News

As the saying goes, “life is a journey, not a destination.” A group of area residents has embraced this concept with their enthusiastic participation in the Happy Valley Running Club.

The HVRC was founded in 2024 by Ahmed Almratypee, who works for the federal courts as a senior U.S. probation officer in Portland when he’s not traversing some of the local trails on foot. After moving to Happy Valley in 2022, Almratypee found himself without what he’s referred to as an “established social network.”

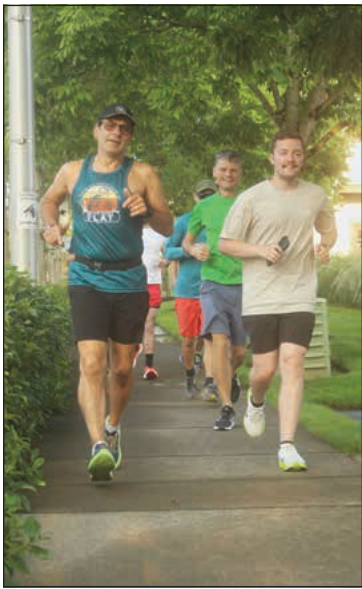
Drawing on my previous experiences with running groups in Dallas, I created a Facebook group to connect with like-minded individuals and build a community,” Almratypee said.

This community has grown to over 200 strong, ranging from those who have run hundreds of races to some who just run for the health benefits running offers the mind and body,” Almratypee said in describing the experience level of runners in the current club, as it continues to experience significant growth.

They meet twice a week for runs through local trails and neighborhoods. “We take advantage of the city’s various running pathways and neighborhood routes, exploring creative ways to navigate the area while prioritizing safety and scenic routes,” Almratypee said.



The Happy Valley Running Club gathers on the occasion of their one-year anniversary since being founded by Ahmed Almratypee. They meet twice a week, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, to enjoy fellowship and fitness. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kenny Nguyen, Josh Letendre, Viet Nguyen, Kyle Nguyen, Mona Henry, Derek Vo, Jaymen Beall, Josh Powers (Front with Luna - his dog), Megan and Ella Almratypee, Nick Miller, Chon Ruiz, Ahmed Almratypee, Mellie Layman, and Gary Kristensen. (PHOTO BY JON DYER)



Members of the Happy Valley Running Club (visible left to right are Greg LaBlanc, Gary Kristensen, and Jaymen Beall), hit the trails of Happy Valley. The club, with members at all levels of running, meet twice a week for workout and fellowship. (PHOTO BY JON DYER)

The Happy Valley Running Club, seen led by founder Ahmed Almratypee and his wife Megan and daughter Ella, hits the trails of Happy Valley. The running club, with members at all levels, meets twice a week for workout and fellowship. (PHOTO BY JON DYER)



Viet Nguyen, running out front with the Happy Valley Running Club, hits the trails of Happy Valley. The club, with members at all levels of running, meets twice a week for exercise and fellowship. (PHOTO BY JON DYER)

Rain or shine, the group meets on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at two regular meeting points.

“The HVRC is out in the elements,” he said. “For many of us, consistency has allowed us to maintain a consistent group dynamic, even during the winter months, and has been a key

factor in fostering a sense of camaraderie and dedication among our members.”

It was his time in the Army and the running associated with military training that initially opened Almratypee’s eyes to the runner’s lifestyle. However, it was when he left the service that he “embraced it as

a physical and mental health way of life.” It was a chance meeting during a run with a neighbor, de facto HVRC co-leader Logan Negherbon, that led to the inception of the current club.

The Happy Valley Run Club has two regular meeting points:

- **Sunday mornings:** Peet’s

Coffee, 15918 S.E. Happy Valley Drive, 97086, at 7:30 am. As part of our partnership with Peet’s, members enjoy a \$1 discount on the first Sunday of each month.

- **Wednesday evenings:** Happy Valley Station Food Carts, meeting at 6:00 pm. Foodies are invited to join the Wednesday runs!

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E-Bike safety and the new city ordinance proposal

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Over the past six months, the City has received a growing number of complaints — almost daily — about unsafe e-bike riding in our community.

While e-bikes have become increasingly popular and are a great way to get around town, unsafe operation has raised serious safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists. Unfortunately, there has already been at least one severe crash between a vehicle and an e-bike rider after the rider attempted to pass cars on the left.

Oregon State Law on E-Bikes

Riders and parents need to understand what state law requires:

- Oregon law prohibits anyone under the age of 16 from operating an e-bike.
 - E-bikes are restricted by speed and power limits depending on the type and class of the bike.
 - E-bikes that do not have pedals — or certain models that exceed legal speed or power limits — are not permitted on public streets, parks, or trails. For example, one popular brand, the Siron, does not meet state requirements for lawful street use.
- Before purchasing an e-bike, please take the time to con-

firm that the model you are considering is legal for operation on public roads.

Proposed City Ordinance

In response to these concerns, the city is proposing a new ordinance specifically designed to address unsafe riding behavior. The ordinance is not intended to penalize residents for simply owning or responsibly using e-bikes. Instead, it will give the City the ability to address reckless operation, such as:

- Speeding in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic.
- Unsafe passing or weaving through vehicles.
- Riding in prohibited areas.

Our goal is simple: to create a safer environment for everyone in Happy Valley—whether you are walking, driving, or riding an e-bike.

Safety Starts at Home

If you own an e-bike or your children ride one, please take time to talk with them about safe riding practices. Encourage them to:

- Follow the rules of the road.
- Wear a helmet and use proper safety equipment.
- Stay alert and respect the safety of others.
- By working together and riding responsibly, we can make sure e-bikes remain a fun, efficient, and safe way to get around town — without putting others at risk.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Steve Campbell

Happy Valley Police share tips to prevent property vandalism this season



Be aware of an expected increase in property vandalism as Halloween approaches. Persons caught engaging in theft and or property destruction may be charged with criminal mischief.

City of Happy Valley

As Halloween approaches, Happy Valley Public Safety is reminding the community that stealing or damaging decorations, yard signs, and other porch or yard items is against the law and can result in criminal charges.

In recent years, officers have investigated several incidents of criminal mischief during the Halloween season. These cases often involve smashed pumpkins, stolen or damaged decorations, and other forms of property destruction. Such acts are not harmless pranks. They are crimes that carry legal consequences. Property owners are left with the cost of cleanup and

repairs, and those responsible may face charges for theft, trespassing, or vandalism.

“Acts of vandalism do more than damage property, they disrupt the sense of safety and respect that holds a community together,” said Steve Campbell, Public Safety Director for the City of Happy Valley. “Parents should talk with their kids about the real consequences of these actions. What may seem like a prank can result in criminal charges and a lasting impact on someone’s record. Respecting others’ property is not only the law, but also a responsibility we all share to keep our community strong.”

Tips to help protect your property during Halloween and year-round:

Light your exterior. Well-lit homes are less likely to be targeted. Motion-activated lights are an effective option.

Use security cameras. Visible cameras can deter criminal activity and provide helpful evidence if vandalism occurs.

Secure items at night. Bring in carved pumpkins or valuable decorations to reduce opportunities for theft or damage.

Work with neighbors. Stay alert, share information, and support each other by monitoring suspicious activity.

Happy Valley Police encourage residents to remain watchful and to report any incidents of vandalism. Call 9-1-1 if a crime is in progress or there is an immediate threat to safety. For non-emergencies, residents can report incidents by calling 503-655-8211.

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For Dean Clark, military service was more than just duty to his country. *It was a calling.*

Navy veteran celebrated 100th birthday in a biplane as part of the Dream Flight program

By JONATHAN DYER
for Happy Valley News

Clark, a Happy Valley resident at the Springs Assisted Living, recently turned 100 years old and reflected on his century, particularly as a veteran of World War II and the impact it had on his life.

“I was a 17-year-old Sea Scout when World War II was going. You knew you were going to be drafted no matter what. Everybody tried to just pick and choose. My older brother signed up for the pilot program, rather than wait to be drafted. That’s what I did, too.”

Born in Palo Alto, California, on Oct. 6, 1925, Dean was one of four boys. His grandfathers were on the staff of Stanford University, and well-educated, social-minded Stanford grads surrounded him.

But military service was also a calling to his family.

“My father was a balloon pilot in World War I, and he was shot down in France. My older brother was a pilot for the Air Corps in World War II, and both my younger brothers were pilots in Korea. I knew I always wanted to be in the Navy, so I kind of bucked that trend.”

The trend has continued, as he currently has one nephew who is a West Point graduate,



Dean Clark, pictured with his wife Linda, recently turned 100 and reflected on his life. Now living at the Springs Assisted Living, in Happy Valley, Dean was a World War II veteran in the Navy and a retired surgeon. (PHOTO BY JON DYER)

Happy Valley resident and World War II veteran Dean Clark recently turned 100 and was honored with a flight aboard a biplane through the Dream Flights program. This program takes veterans into the air to celebrate their service. (PHOTO COURTESY: LISA KEEFER)

another who is a helicopter pilot in the Army, and a grandson who is a Marine aviator.

Clark enlisted in the Naval Officer Corps program on July 1, 1943.

“It was a new program, the so-called 90-day wonders.” The experience took him to the University of California at Los Angeles for a year and a half. Then it was on to Notre Dame

for Naval Midshipmen School for 90 days.

“There, they taught you everything about the Navy,” Clark said. “We were expected to be ready for war.”

From there, he went on to Miami to become a sonar officer. “They tested my ears and figured out I had great hearing.”

Following his training, he was assigned to the USS Kidd. “We were known as the Pirates of the Pacific,” he laughed, playing on the name Kidd, though the ship was named after Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd, who died in Pearl Harbor.

At the time he joined the destroyer, it was in repairs following a kamikaze attack that had left 38 crewmembers dead. He was part of the replacement crew and was a junior officer on board.

“I was 30 minutes from Palo Alto, so I spent my weekends at home.”

On May 2, 1945, the ship set back out to sea.

“We left San Francisco and went to Pearl Harbor, and then just sailed east. We didn’t ever get close to Japan. We were in the eastern Pacific, and all the fighting at that time was in the western Pacific.

“We would serve watches of four hours long — not necessarily on the bridge of command. I was the sound officer, so I drilled my sound team. As the junior ensign aboard the ship, you also got the scud jobs. Any message that came in coded, you had to do the decoding. That was day or night. I was so happy when we brought in another officer junior to me.”

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At one point, he says, somebody shot a torpedo at them.

“We never did find out who fired it. The Japanese weren’t in the area, so we were never sure where it came from.”

After his discharge from the Navy in October 1946, he went back to Palo Alto and attended medical school at Stanford.

Following the completion of medical school, he went on to intern in Philadelphia, and finally, residency in San Francisco.

“(My wife) Linda loves to kid me about it. I left high school my senior year to join the navy, so I never got my high school diploma. And then in Stanford, I went into medical school before I finished, so I didn’t get a (bachelor’s) degree. And the medical school itself required you to get an internship before they gave you a degree. So, I was doing my internship without a medical degree.”

“No diplomas on the wall except at the top,” Linda joked.

He opened his own surgery in Los Altos in 1956.

He met his wife, Linda, a nurse, through a mishap that involved her dropping a piece of heavy equipment on his bare feet during surgery.

“We got to know each other very quickly right then and there.” They both laughed. “It turned out we were both going through divorces at the time, but didn’t find out till later. In those days you didn’t talk about your personal life,” he said. They eventually started dating after a mutual friend decided they would be a great couple and reintroduced them at a party.

“We’ll be married 50 years next week,” Clark smiled.

“I have seen pretty much everything this country is about. A lot has changed, especially medicine. When I first attended medical school, open heart surgery was just introduced.



Happy Valley resident and World War II veteran Dean Clark recently turned 100 and was honored with a flight aboard a biplane through the Dream Flights program. As a World War II vet, he was allowed to sign the tail to commemorate. (PHOTO COURTESY: LISA KEEFER)

We thought it was just amazing. Now, everything is robotics. You can have a surgeon on one side of the country performing robotic surgery on the other side.”

Through it all, Clark says he learned two things from his time in the military. The first was that it was a completely different way of life compared to civilian life.

“Service had a particular way of doing things, and you conformed to their ways. You didn’t try to do anything different on your own.”

This, he said, was particularly impactful in his medical life.

“In surgery, there is a certain order of doing things. You learned how to follow what you were taught. You learned their

methods, like in the service. You were learning somebody else’s ideas.”

The second was exposure to a larger, different world. It inspired him to travel and share this love with Linda.

“We have been to about 85 countries. We have traveled to every continent. Travel has been the greatest part of our life.”

They visited the USS Kidd, on display in Baton Rouge, LA. “I walked Linda around, showing her where we stayed. She was surprised at how small all the rooms were.”

They have traveled extensively in the South Pacific, visiting wartime locations. He was always surprised by the

amount of debris from the war still in place. In Guadalcanal, the locals told the story about how a few years before the Japanese started collecting all the debris, “all the tanks and ships, to melt down for steel. Then they sent us back all these rusty cars.”

Clark was recently honored by the Dream Flights program with a flight in a Stearman aircraft. Dream Flights is a nonprofit that takes veterans for a ride in a 1940s biplane as a way of saying thank you for their service. As a World War II vet, Clark was one of the few given the honor of signing the tail of the plane after his ride.

“I really enjoyed seeing the landscape from above. I wanted

the pilot to do some stunts, but she wouldn’t do them. Next time. If you are over a hundred, you get to go back as many times as you want.” He laughed, “If they do it next year, I’m getting in line.”

Reflecting on his life, Clark has a keen sense of humor. Each story is woven with a smile and a fondness for the experience and the act of sharing it. In the end, to Clark, living is a series of choices affected by experiences and family.

“I originally never thought much I’d get to hundred. I realized there was a good chance after I was in my 70’s, so I thought, why stop there? Why not Keep going?”

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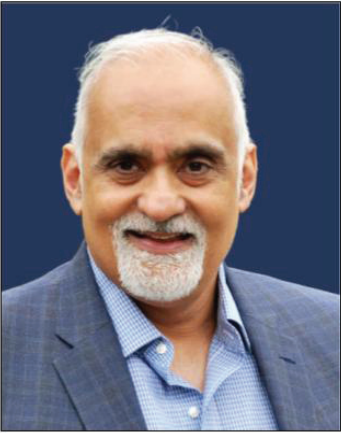
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Teaching elegance and grace through dance

Pacific Northwest Youth Ballet helps students develop a strong work ethic and increased confidence

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
for Happy Valley News

In a world that craves instant gratification, society has seemingly forgotten the art of “the process”, where perfection is uncovered by doing a bunch of little things correctly.

Enter the Pacific Northwest Youth Ballet (PNYB), located off 172nd and Sunnyside, whose mission is committed to helping its students find excellence in their dance through exceptional training in classical ballet technique.

Spearheading these efforts are sisters Olivia Pyne, Katie Pyne, and Sara Pyne, all of whom are dedicated to helping students cultivate a love of what is both good and beautiful while helping grow their confidence and building a strong work ethic.

“We rent this amazing space from our church, Emmanuel Community Church,” says Olivia, the school’s Director. “This building was the original Rock Creek Community Hall built back in the 1920s. We opened PNYB in 2022.”

Olivia, who grew up dancing and also eventually teaching at Oregon Ballet Theatre School, notes how both she and her sisters have a strong passion for teaching children correct ballet technique.

“A strong foundation in classical technique is so important,” says Olivia. “We have very high expectations and the children really thrive and rise to the chal-



The Pyne Sisters (from left to right) – Sara, Olivia, and Katie.

lenge. The artistry built with the technique creates something extremely beautiful.”

Some might think that working with your sisters might result in additional challenges. These sisters don’t have that problem.

“It’s definitely a combined effort and we’re thrilled to bring our combined experience to this smaller community,” said Sara, the school’s administrator.

This summer, PNYB had a program featuring classical ballet classes along with “ballet enrichment”, including strength and stretching classes as well as a few art projects.

“Our theme this summer was France, where ballet originated,” says Olivia. “June is when we have our annual school performance where we invite parents and friends to observe. We did



ABOVE: Pacific Northwest Youth Ballet – A historic building offering lessons of a cherished art form.

LEFT: Practice makes perfect – Classical instruction and intense focus make for an amazing performance.

the summer,” says Olivia. “Ballet relies so much on muscle memory so there are many extra classes available at no additional cost, depending on the level you’re at.”

Finding inspiration

“Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet is such an inspiration for us,” says Sara. “It’s

a school that gives children the opportunity to study ballet in an area where it was formerly unavailable. Classical ballet technique is taught in a smaller community and I believe that’s what we’re doing here. It’s very fulfilling.”

The sisters noted one student as an example, a young basketball player who was waiting for his sister to finish rehearsal by doing leaps in the lobby, impressing the trio and recruiting him to their program. He’s now going into his third year at PNYB.

Lastly, we asked the Pynes about the importance of ballet in our culture.

“We are hoping to expand our performances to where they become available to the community to attend,” says Olivia. “Ballet cannot be microwaved and has to be learned in the correct order. It’s a skill set that will go far in any child’s life as they grow up.”

“The integrity of ballet is so important,” adds Katie. “We will continue to promote it and do justice to the art form.”

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Life enrichment programs are the plans and activities offered at our community that support residents’ physical, social, emotional, and cognitive well-being. In addition to fostering personal growth and creativity, these programs are designed to keep seniors engaged and active in the community.

Although they might seem like perks, they are much more than that. Having activities that suit your loved one’s lifestyle and interests is essential to their overall quality of life. Here are a few reasons we offer life enrichment programs at our communities:

1. Keep Seniors Active: Staying active can help seniors manage chronic medical conditions, maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints and prolong independence.
2. Preserve Cognitive Health: Keeping minds active can preserve memory and improve reasoning abilities
3. Foster Social Connection: Strong relationships are important at any age. Feeling connected to others can reduce stress and anxiety, lower the risk of depression, and lead to a longer life.

Caring Place communities offer an active life enrichment program to benefit each resident. From community outings, live entertainment and daily activities it is our mission to provide each resident a sense of freedom and purpose. Each community provides their own unique program. Our memory care communities offer specialized life enrichment programs for those suffering from dementia. If you are interested in learning more about our life enrichment program, visit us online to schedule a tour at CaringPlaces.com.

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Happy Valley boutique continues to reinvent itself

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
for Happy Valley News

Long gone are the days of families flocking to beloved retail warehouses, such as the mall, to explore wardrobe and accessory options.

In fact, while the tangibility factor of shopping seems to be fleeting, thanks to e-commerce and quick click options, there are still many who prefer entering a store, working with a sales associate, and trying on something for themselves. It's the complete experience you cannot get with online shopping.

Luckily, one small Happy Valley boutique has honored this pastime by blending the traditions of old with the trends of new... which ironically can also circle back to the trends of old.

Sublime Clothing Boutique, located at 132nd and Sunnyside Road, by Gloria's Pub & Grill, is a small town and locally owned boutique that balances its inventory with options that are fresh, trendsetting, and eye-catching, offering customers a variety of options in apparel, accessories, gifts, and decor.

"I moved into Happy Valley in 1996," says Tina D'Ambrosio, owner of the Sublime Clothing Boutique. "I opened Sublime in 2010 after an idea I had while hosting parties, like those 'Southern Living at Home' parties. I started thinking why people couldn't do this for denim, which was kind of the era. I started looking into it but realized it wouldn't work unless I had a storefront."

D'Ambrosio, formally of the real estate world, notes how she had next to no experience in retail other than a passion for shopping, willing to throw some money at this new business



"My team and the community they serve have been the absolute best."
— Sublime owner Tina D'Ambrosio

to see how the community responded.

"People seemed so excited to have their own little personal store," says D'Ambrosio. "We did an initial 'friends and family' event and I almost ran out of inventory! I knew then this would be a special place for Happy Valley locals. I think people like the personal touch and the conversations."

Personal experience aside, what character and vibe does Sublime offer visitors? "I'd say we're a boho style," says D'Ambrosio. "I learned early that people weren't

looking for high end specialty items but rather sustainable daily wear that looks great year round. Customers want to be fashionable and comfortable, so we created a vibe to service that while keeping up with trends."

Funny enough, D'Ambrosio did note how certain trends manage to circle back every few years.

"It's pretty wild watching trends rotate," laughs D'Ambrosio. "I've watched certain trends, like bootcut jeans,



circle back several times already in the last fifteen years!"

Today, Sublime offers visitors a wide variety of apparel for all ages, from tops to dresses to rompers to bottoms to outerwear, giving you all the diverse options you'd often find online without the headaches of ads, shipping costs, and inaccuracies.



Wardrobe for all ages with a personal touch.

says D'Ambrosio. "The goal with bringing Sublime online was to simply offer more variety and give options that we typically don't offer in store. It's worked out great."

Lastly, D'Ambrosio, who likes to spend time working in the store herself, puts emphasis on the strength of her team and how they've helped carry Sublime throughout the years, including Lead Associate Stacey Weaver, and Social Media Coordinator Savannah D'Ambrosio.

"My team and the community they serve have been the absolute best," says D'Ambrosio.

To learn more, please visit sublimeclothingboutique.com.



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Oktoberfest Returns to Happy Valley Park!

Event is set for Oct. 4 in Happy Valley Park

It's fall, Happy Valley! Get ready to dust off your lederhosen and dirndls because Oktoberfest is back—and it's bigger and better than ever. Presented by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, this beloved fall festival brings together neighbors, friends, and local businesses for a day of food, music, competition, and family fun. Best of all? Admission is free!

Fun for the Whole Family

Starting at 11 a.m., families can dive right into fall festivities:

- Free pumpkin patch courtesy of Embold Credit Union.
- Meet some farm animals at the petting zoo thanks to the Parks & Recreation Foundation.
- City wagon rides with an autumn twist.
- Plus, families will enjoy a variety of interactive activities to keep the fun rolling all day.

Food & Drinks to Savor

From traditional German bites to local favorites, there's plenty to feast on. Quench your thirst with Valley Public House, featuring a rotating selection of beers, wines, and ciders. Additional food and drink vendors will also be on hand to keep you fueled for the festivities.

Contests & Competitions

Oktoberfest isn't complete without some friendly (and hilarious) contests:

- Wiener Dog and Small Dog Races – The fan-favorite pups dash for glory!
- Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest – Categories for both



On your marks, get set, go! The fun continues with a variety of small dog races, and other friendly competitions. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



Mark your calendars and get ready for a day of fun at Happy Valley's Oktoberfest! (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



Community booths and vendors will be on site to peruse. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)

- Stein Hoisting Challenge – Flex your endurance in this 21+ test of strength, sponsored by Paulaner.
- New this year: Donut Eating Contest – Sweet victory awaits!



Bust out your lederhosen and get down to some oompa beats. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)

hv.city/oktoberfest for ride-share code.

Plan your day and sign up for competitions at www.hv.city/oktoberfest or scan the QR code on event materials. So, grab your friends, bring the kids, and join us for a day of fall-tastic fun. Let's raise a glass to community, tradition, and a whole lot of Oktoberfest cheer! Free admission – All are welcome!

HAPPY VALLEY OKTOBERFEST

- Happy Valley Park
- Saturday, Oct. 4
- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.



- Spots for dog races and pie-eating contests are limited. Check the event page to see if registrations are still open!

Live Music & Dancing

What's Oktoberfest without music? Throughout the day, live bands will set the mood with Bavarian beats. Get ready to sway, clap, and polka along with the tunes—it's impossible not to join in!

Getting There Safely

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation has arranged for festival-goers to take advantage of a special ride-share promo code to ensure safe and easy transportation. See www.hv.city/oktoberfest.

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Pints with Purpose Returns to Happy Valley: Sip, Stamp, and Support Local Seniors!

City of Happy Valley

This November, you'll have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of home-bound seniors right here in Happy Valley. From November 13 through the 23, local taphouses and eateries are teaming up with Happy Valley Parks and Recreation for Pints with Purpose, an annual fundraiser benefiting the city's Meals on Wheels People program.

Through this program, seniors in our community receive warm, nutritious meals along with friendly visits providing both nourishment and a vital connection for those who might otherwise feel isolated.

How to Get Involved

Participating venues will feature a designated beer for the campaign, donating



\$1 from every pint sold directly to Meals on Wheels People. Every dollar raised stays local, helping seniors right here in Happy Valley enjoy well-balanced meals and regular social visits.

The Pints with Purpose Passport!

Pick up your passport at any participating location, and as you enjoy a pint of the designated beer at each venue, collect a stamp. Complete your passport and bring it to City Hall to receive a commemorative pint glass (while supplies last). Plus, the first five people to complete the passport and bring it to City Hall will receive a special prize! It's a fun way to explore local establishments while supporting an important cause.

Why It Matters

Many program recipients live on fixed

incomes, have limited access to groceries, or may not have regular visitors. For these seniors, Meals on Wheels isn't just about food. It's a lifeline and a friendly visit that brightens their week.

Support Local. Give Local.

Raise a glass, enjoy your favorite local beers, and know that your contribution makes a real difference in the lives of Happy Valley seniors. Together, we can ensure

no senior goes without a warm meal or a friendly visit this holiday season.

Special thanks to our local tap houses and eateries that have graciously supported this initiative: Valley Public House, Sports on Tap, Happy Hollow, Happy Valley Station and Stickmen Brewery.

For more information visit: hv.city/pints-with-purpose

PINTS WITH PURPOSE

NOV. 13-NOV. 23

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PARKS & RECREATION

Support local seniors this holiday season.

Happy Valley Youth Town Hall

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HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

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OCTOBER 2025 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING

To register for one of these featured programs, be sure to check out hv.city/parks
*Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

TO REGISTER



To register for one of these featured programs, be sure to check out hv.city/parks, or scan the QR code.

HealthyU Nutrition

Nutrition Classes
Location: Sunnyside Grange
• Friday, Nov. 21st,
• 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
• Ages 18+
• \$15



Cup of Tea

Location: Cup of Tea
• Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.
• Thursday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.
• Thursday, Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.
• Ages 18+
• \$15-\$35 sliding scale



Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: HV City Hall
• Monday, Nov. 17th,
• 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
• Register online:
www.redcrossblood.org



EXCURSIONS

Field Trip Fridays departs: Happy Valley City Hall

Hood River Valley Harvest Festival
• Friday, Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Ages 18+
• \$20- Resident / \$30- Non-Resident

Brew Lights at the Oregon Zoo

• Friday, Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
• Ages 21+
• Includes Tastings: \$75- Resident / \$112.50- Non-Resident
• Without Tastings: \$45 - Resident / \$67.50 - Non-Resident

HEALTH & WELLNESS

First Aid/CPR/AED Training

• Location: Happy Valley City Hall
• Monday, Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
• Ages 15+
• Resident \$70 / Non-Resident \$105

Babysitter Training Course

• Location: Happy Valley City Hall
• Monday, Nov. 3rd, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
• Ages 10 - 16
• Resident \$50 / Non-Resident \$75

Chair Yoga

• Location: Happy Valley Library
• Nov. 6 - Dec. 18 (*no class Nov. 27),
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Thursday
• Ages 18+ - \$30



PROVIDENCE

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Classes are held virtually.

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Beginners)

• Tuesday/Thursdays,
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Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

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

Chair Yoga

• Tuesday/Thursdays
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Gentle Yoga

• Wednesdays
at 10 a.m.



CLASS LOCATIONS

Happy Valley Park

13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd
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Village Green Park

13745 SE Sieben Pkwy
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Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex

2915 SE King Rd.
Happy Valley, OR

Happy Valley Library

13793 SE Sieben Park Way
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Happy Valley City Hall

16000 SE Misty Dr.
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The Clayhouse Potters Workshop

19860 SE Borges Road
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Sunnyside Grange

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Cup of Tea

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Pleasant Valley Villages Park

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Venvino Art Studios

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SPORTS

Skyhawks Sports Camps

See online listing for program location.



SoccerTots

• Saturdays, Sept. 13 – Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-9:40 a.m., Cubs (ages 2-3), \$80
• Saturdays, Sept. 13 – Oct. 11, 9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Bears (ages 4-5), \$80
• Tuesdays, Oct. 14 – Nov. 11, 3 p.m.-3:40 p.m., Cubs (ages 2-3), \$80
• Tuesdays, Oct. 14 – Nov. 11, 3:50 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Bears (ages 4-5), \$80

Soccer

• Saturdays, Sept. 13 – Oct. 11, 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Ages 6-12, \$80

HoopsterTots (Grasshoppers)

• Saturdays, Oct. 18 – Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-9:40 a.m., Grasshoppers (ages 2-3), \$80
• Saturdays, Oct. 18 – Nov. 15, 9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Froggies (ages 4-5), \$80

Basketball

• Saturdays, Oct. 18 – Nov. 15, 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m., Ages 6-12, \$80

Outdoor Volleyball

• Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 16, 4 p.m.-5 p.m., Ages 8-14, \$99

KIDOKINETICS

Most classes are held at Pleasant Valley Villages Park



Sportsplay Clinic

• Sundays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-9:40 a.m., Cubs (ages 2-3), \$80
• Sundays, Sept. 14 – Dec. 7, no class Nov. 30, 4:15 p.m.-5 p.m., ages 5-7
• \$89/month, or \$178 total

Halloween No School Fun Day!

• Friday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., ages 5-10, \$40



Veteran's Day No School Ninjabplay!

• Tuesday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., ages 5-10, \$40
• Location: TBD



ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Astronomy Classes

• Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex

Rocks From Space 1: The Oldest Rocks On Earth

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



Engineering for Kids

• Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex

Hardware Engineering: Get Wired With Makey Makey

• Thursdays, Oct. 16 – Nov. 20,
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.
• Ages 7 - 12, \$243



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Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos Ofrenda/Community Altar



Ofrendas are an essential part of the Day of the Dead celebrations. The word “ofrenda” means offering in Spanish. They are also called altares or altars, but they are not for worship. Ofrendas are set up to remember and honor the memory of their ancestors.

The Happy Valley Library invites community members to share photos of loved ones who have passed that they would like to have included in our ofrenda. Submit your writings and/or photos to be included at go.lincc.org/hvofrenda. (You can also bring items to be scanned to the reference desk.) Then celebrate Day of the Dead with us on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 3-4:30 pm and visit our community altar.

Las ofrendas son una parte esencial de las celebraciones del Día de los Muertos. Ofrendas también se les llama altares, pero no son para adorar. Las ofrendas están preparadas para recordar y honrar la memoria de sus antepasados. La Biblioteca de Happy Valley les invita a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir fotos de seres queridos que han fallecido y que les gustaría incluir en nuestra ofrenda. Envíe sus escritos y/o fotos para ser incluidos en go.lincc.org/hvofrenda. (También puede llevar los elementos que se van a escanear al centro de referencia.) Luego celebra con nosotros el Día de los Muertos el domingo 2 de noviembre de 3 a 4:30 pm y visita nuestro altar comunitario.



La Biblioteca de Happy Valley invita a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir fotos de sus seres queridos que han fallecido para ser incluidos en la ofrenda del Día de los Muertos.

The Happy Valley Library invites community members to share photos of loved ones who have passed to be included in the Día de los Muertos Ofrenda.

Local Author/Scientist Shares Passion for Nature

This spring, the Happy Valley Library Book Group read *A Generous Nature* by local author and scientist Marcy Cottrell Houle. The readers were enchanted by her descriptions of Oregon and musings on nature.

Marcy is a professional wildlife biologist, a skill set evident in the writing of her seven award-winning books. Two of her books – *Wings for My Flight* and *The Gift of Caring* -- received the national Christopher Award “[F]or books that affirm the highest values of the human spirit”. Her book, *The Prairie Keepers: Secrets of the Zumwalt*, was selected by *The New York Times* as a Notable Book and Best Book for Earth Day.

In addition to her book writing, she is also a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*, has written for the *Nature Conservancy Magazine*, *Cricket Magazine* for children, *Reader’s Digest*, *The New York Times* and *Smithsonian Magazine*.

The public is invited to a presentation and Q&A with Marcy on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6 pm. RSVP available.



NEW! Computer and Career Classes at the Library

Thanks to a partnership with Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette, the Happy Valley Library is offering a 10-week computer and career series for free, on Thursdays at 1 pm.

From computer basics to Google Docs, resumes to interviews, each weekly class is designed to help build skills and confidence. No registration is necessary. Computers are provided when needed for the class. This month, drop in for the following:

- October 2 at 1 pm: Google Drive
- October 9 at 1 pm: Google Docs
- October 16 at 1 pm: Online Job Seeking
- October 23 at 1 pm: Resume Essentials Part 1
- October 30 at 1 pm: Resume Essentials Part 2



Library Hosts Vietnamese Portland Project Events

Beginning in 2017, Lewis and Clark College started a project to document the history and experiences of Vietnamese Portlanders. This project aimed to promote Vietnamese-American representation and create a more inclusive history of Portland by inviting people of Vietnamese descent from diverse backgrounds to share their stories. In addition to interviews, the project collected documents, photographs, and ephemera.

The Happy Valley Library is hosting two programs associated with the project in early November. These programs are open to everyone and provide a unique opportunity to connect with the local Vietnamese

community in the Happy Valley area.

At Community Archive Day on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 2-4 pm, participants will have a hands-on experience learning how to preserve family history through archival best practices. All materials are provided. However, registration is required.

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 6:15 pm, everyone is invited to learn more about the Vietnamese Portland Project, including the history of the project, current activities, and how to get involved. Community members interested in sharing their personal histories of the Vietnamese experience in the Portland area are encouraged to attend and bring materials to preserve in the archive. RSVP available.





ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clackamas High School



Adrienne C. Nelson HS



Abby Nesmith Senior

Girls Cross Country

Abby Nesmith, a senior cross country athlete, is the top returner for the girls cross country program. She shows dedication to her teammates, positivity and grit, and consistently works hard and is a role model for her teammates. In our most recent cross country meets, Abby was our top performer in the Oregon City XC Invitational and helped lead her teammates to PRs in our Mount Hood Conference Preview Meet. She shows great promise to be a top contender for a league title by the end of the season and a qualification to the state meet. Way to go, Abby!

Congrats, Abby! Go Cavs!

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Dylan Brower Senior

Football

Clackamas senior quarterback Dylan Brower had a record setting night vs. the Wells Guardians. Brower lead the Cavs to victory by completing 21 of 27 passes for 332 yards and 7 touchdowns! Brower set a CHS school record with the 7 touchdown passes in one game. Brower has made great progress this year as he looks to continue his hot start. Congrats Dylan!

Congrats, Dylan! Go Cavs!

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Justin Larsen Senior

Football

Cavalier senior football player Justin Larsen had a huge night on the football field vs. Wells High School. Larsen hauled in a 9 catches for 141 yards and 5 total touchdowns! Along with this, he had five carries for 85 yards and another score. Overall he had 226 total yards and 6 touchdowns! Larsen in one of the leaders in the state in scoring and has been a great leader for the Cavs football team. Congrats to Jlar!

Congrats, Justin! Go Cavs!

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Avery Vaughan Junior

Volleyball

Junior Avery Vaughan is a consistent force on the volleyball court. Avery is currently hitting an impressive .337, showing both power and precision at the net. Defensively, she has tallied 15 blocks, making her a key presence in shutting down opposing hitters. In serve receive, Avery continues to deliver with a solid 1.33 passing average, contributing to her team's stability and success. Her all-around performance and relentless work ethic make her a standout player and a well-deserved recipient of to be a Cavalier Athlete of the Week.

Congrats, Avery! Go Cavs!

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Avi Trees Senior

Varsity Volleyball

Senior captain and libero Avi Trees continues to impress with her fluid, dynamic play and ability to anticipate the game. She is the fearless anchor of the back row, consistently supporting her teammates and keeping rallies alive. Against Barlow, Avi averaged 14 digs, showcasing her defensive dominance. On the season, she has already surpassed 65+ digs, 15 assists on 42 attempts, and 16 aces from the service line. Avi is dynamic, involved in nearly every play, and a true leader who lifts the entire team.

Way to go, Avi! Go Hawks!

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Madi Andrews Senior

Varsity Volleyball

Senior captain Madi Andrews is off to an incredible start this season, tallying 37 kills, more than 20 digs, and 6 aces. Beyond her impressive stats, Madi sets the tone as a leader both on and off the court, modeling hard work and commitment for her teammates.

Way to go, Madi! Go Hawks!

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Tanner Brand Senior

Varsity Football

Tanner had 10 tackles from the Linebacker position leading our defense to a victory against Newberg.

Way to go, Tanner! Go Hawks!

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