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Reckless riders will face harsher penalties under new City ordinance

City of Happy Valley

Over the past year, the City of Happy Valley has received a growing number of complaints about the unsafe use of e-bikes and micro-mobility devices in community parks and on City roads. In response, the Happy Valley City Council recently voted unanimously to approve an emergency ordinance that takes a zero-tolerance policy approach to riders acting recklessly.

“We understand that e-bikes and micro mobility devices are a popular option for residents to get around,” said Steve Campbell, Director of Public Safety for the City of Happy Valley. “However, we’ve seen an increase in dangerous behavior, especially among younger riders, and have to put a stop to it before someone is seriously

injured.”

On April 9th, the City hosted an open forum on e-bike safety which was attended by more than 100 residents. Feedback received during that meeting helped shape the emergency ordinance, which prohibits:

- Reckless or careless riding
- Riding while impaired
- Performing stunts or tricks in public areas
- Swerving through traffic
- Not using designated bike lanes when available
- Passing pedestrians without warning
- Any behavior that puts others at risk

The ordinance takes effect immediately, riders who disregard the rules of the road or elude police will now receive a citation from law enforcement. Penalties will be

determined by the court and could include suspension of riding privileges or forfeiture of the e-device.

In the coming months the City will also begin rolling out e-bike safety education classes to help inform riders of safe riding practices.

“We encourage parents to speak with their children about how to operate these devices properly,” said Campbell. “It’s on all of us to ensure our community remains safe for pedestrians, riders and drivers alike.”

Residents can read the ordinance and learn more about the City’s efforts on this issue by visiting hv.city/e-bikes. To report instances of unsafe riding behavior, use the City’s ‘report a concern’ feature or call the Clackamas County non-emergency line at 503-655-8211.

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A Library of Things lets you borrow an item for a short time. You can try an item out before you buy it. Instead of spending money on something you’ll only use once or twice a year, borrow it when you need it, and other library members will regularly use it, too! Some ClackCo libraries, including the Happy Valley Library, also have Seed Libraries where you can get seeds for your garden. Visit the Happy Valley Library to learn more!

Libraries are just one place where you can reuse items. If you’re tired of plastic packaging, shop at stores that allow refills. Many coffee shops let you bring your own cup. Some stores also allow you to bring your own container to buy food or household products in bulk.

Help keep good items out of the landfill and save money in the process! Learn more

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You’re invited to the ADA Transition Plan Open House

Contribute to making Happy Valley more accessible for all

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley is hosting an open house for community members to provide their feedback on the draft

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. ADA Transition Plans serve as a roadmap for identifying and removing physical barriers in public spaces that do not meet ADA standards.

Accessibility has long been a core priority in Happy Valley. Every park managed by the City includes an all-abilities

playground, and ADA-compliant upgrades to places like Mt. Scott Creek Trail and Hidden Falls Trail have increased access for all residents. The ADA Transition Plan will build upon that ongoing commitment by identifying opportunities to further enhance accessibility in the community.

At the open house, residents

will be able to learn more about the ADA Transition Plan process, review which areas need improvement and share feedback directly with City staff. Community input is a critical part of the planning effort and will help shape recommendations that reflect residents’ needs and experiences.

In addition to the open house,

residents will have an opportunity to provide feedback online via a survey on the City’s website (happyvalleyor.gov).

OPEN HOUSE DETAILS:

When: Thursday, June 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Happy Valley City Hall (16000 SE Misty Drive)

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Summer in the Valley is HEATING UP!

City of Happy Valley

4th of July Family Festival

The festivities kick off in the morning with a scenic hike hosted by the Happy Valley Hikers, followed by a lively community parade featuring local businesses, residents, and community groups. Throughout the day, Happy Valley Park will come alive with live music, carnival games, inflatable attractions, and a variety of food and beverage vendors, including a festive beer garden. The celebration concludes with one of the area's most spectacular fireworks displays lighting up the night sky.

Concerts in the Park

Friday nights, July 24-August 21

Spend your Friday evenings at Village Green Park across from the Happy Valley Library for a series of free concerts! Bring a picnic and blanket or chair and join Friends of Happy Valley Library for a music-filled evening!

Concerts in the Valley

Thursday nights, July 9-August 27

Enjoy free, festival-style concerts at Happy Valley Park! We're turning back the clock to the 80's with iconic anthems, feel-good throwbacks and nonstop sing-along moments all season long. Grab your blankets and lawn chairs, rally your concert crew and get ready for the ultimate summer soundtrack! Food, beer, and wine will be available for purchase. Kids will have fun in the Happy Zone with complimentary crafts, games, and activities.

Car Show

Thursday, July 30

Rev your engines, Happy Valley! The annual car show returns for its third year. Entrants can show off their classic rides and support the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation



Celebrate the 4th with a full-day festival for the whole family!

Foundation. Concertgoers can admire cool and classic cars while listening to The Cars tribute band Good Times Roll.

National Night Out

Thursday, August 6

National Night Out celebrates our city, residents, and first responders with a fun event. Meet local law enforcement, visit educational safety booths and tour emergency vehicles all while rocking out to country-rock cover band Slicker.

Pop-Up Drive-In Movie

Saturday, September 26

Join your friends and neighbors under the stars for a nostalgic night at the drive-in! Space will be limited, so check back for more information including how to register.

Concerts in the Park are sponsored by the Friends of Happy Valley Library. For event information and concert schedules visit hv.city/library. All other summer events are coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. For more summer fun, check out the Parks & Recreation Summer Activities Guide in this issue of Happy Valley News and head to hv.city/parks for all the latest when it comes to event information and concert schedules.



Things

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about waste reduction at: clackamas.us/recycling/ReduceReuseRecycle.

Residents in Happy Valley with a library card can utilize the various Library of Things throughout Clackamas County

Celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day with Friends of Trees

Volunteer event helped to preserve Happy Valley's tree canopy

City of Happy Valley

For over 20 years, the City of Happy Valley has proudly been designated a Tree City USA. This status

is awarded to cities through the Arbor Day Foundation, a national program started in 1976 that encourages cities to actively promote and expand tree growth.

In 2022, Happy Valley's city council adopted a proclamation highlighting the importance of preserving the City's tree canopy. As a result of that proclamation, April 22 is recognized

as both Earth Day and Arbor Day in Happy Valley. To commemorate the occasion this year, the City joined its community partner, Friends of Trees, on April 18th for a stewardship event at Hidden Falls Nature Park. Volunteers helped transport mulch, which will support the growth of saplings planted this past winter.



Volunteers gathered for a Friends of Trees event at Hidden Falls Nature Park to celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day and the City's designation as a Tree City USA.



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15432 SE Hidden Falls Dr	3028	5	2.1	SLD	9/28/2025	\$779,000	\$755,000	11/25/2025
15319 SE Hidden Falls Dr	3097	4	2.1	SLD	9/4/2025	\$767,000	\$767,000	11/4/2025
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Boys soccer coach brings personal passion to the game

Joel Shungu is in his second year at Nelson High School

By JONATHAN DYER
For the Happy Valley News

“My father told me, you don’t have to change the world. You can start by changing one person. One person will change another person, and another changes another...and just like that you have changed the world,” explained Joel Shungu, Nelson High School boys head soccer coach.

In his second year, Coach Shungu brings a storied history to the game and has some very specific and lofty goals for his program. Born in Paris, France, to parents who immigrated from the Congo, Africa, Joel showed great maturity and natural skill in soccer at a very early age.

“I was raised in Paris. In terms of the game, I was blessed enough to be in an environment where playing was everything at home. It was not a game. It was part of your life,” said Coach Shungu.

He played on various church-sponsored teams, as well as the local community club, but by the age of eight was offered a spot on the roster of a prestigious local soccer academy, the Paris St. Germaine (PSG) Academy.

“I did not know I was good. But my parents made sacrifices so my career was not a priority for them. Until an agent walked into their house and said you have a real player here,” laughed Coach



Joel Shungu, second year head coach of Nelson Boys Soccer, is seen giving guidance to a young boys squad he coaches for local club Clackamas United Soccer Club (CUSC). Coach Shungu brings a wealth of experience playing and coaching at the elite level of soccer to the Happy Valley area.

Shungu. “I wasn’t a complete player, but I had heart. I wanted it more than somebody who might just want to play it for fun.”

He played for the PSG Academy for seven years before leaving to focus on his education. “I wanted to quit school, but for my parents, that was not an option. I could have gone to another club, but they felt being a part of a European academy was a distraction from education,” said Coach Shungu.

He moved to Chicago at 16 and lived with an uncle. He attended high school and made varsity as a freshman. He played his freshman year, but was quickly recruited by the local academy to play club soccer, first for the Chicago Inferno and then for the prestigious

Chicago Fire Academy. During this time, his uncle moved to Texas, and Coach Shungu was forced to stay first with a friend, then with a coach, in order to remain in Chicago.

“The coach really proved to me the idea of community. The next phase of my life was because of what I gained from him opening his home to me. Allowing me to pursue the game where I felt comfortable, is what I believe led to everything else that happened in my career after,” affirmed Coach Shungu.

In his junior year, he moved to Texas and was picked up by the FC Dallas Academy, another high-level development club, where he played until he graduated from high school. He attended

Oregon State University and is currently pursuing his master’s in sports marketing with the goal of being involved in professional club management and ownership.

Coaching at Nelson is a challenge that Coach Shungu looks forward to meeting head-on. He sees his job not in terms of wins and losses, but in becoming and remaining competitive.

“When I hear compete, I hear courage, I hear brave. I always say, be brave. It’s not about mistakes, it’s about the reaction,” explained Coach Shungu.

Nelson Athletic Director Dana Cappelucci enthusiastically endorsed her second-year coach. “What you don’t see on paper is the level of care and attention Joel gives to

preparing students for life beyond the field. That includes not only the athletes in the program, but also other students he brings in to develop skills in areas like team management, media relations, and marketing,” said Cappelucci.

Of course, wins and losses are important — that is the game. But, for Coach Shungu, it is more than that.

“That’s the beauty of this sport. No matter what you do, you will learn the work ethic needed to be successful. You say to yourself, I ran every day for five hours, I can sit at a computer and commit to an education, or a job. It is a habit that has been created over time. And to me, this is what high school sports is all about.”

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Local principals and city staff meet at City Hall

City of Happy Valley

On April 27, staff from the City of Happy Valley once again met with local principals as part of an ongoing effort to build relationships and stay informed. These meetings offer an opportunity for both entities to share timely updates and work efficiently in the best interest of Happy Valley students.

Topics discussed included school-related traffic concerns, new developments, City programming and ways to engage youth at the local level. Representatives from the Happy Valley Police Department and Clackamas Fire also provided safety updates.

All principals from schools that serve students within the City of Happy Valley are invited and encouraged to attend.



Principals from area schools pose in the council chamber at Happy Valley City Hall.



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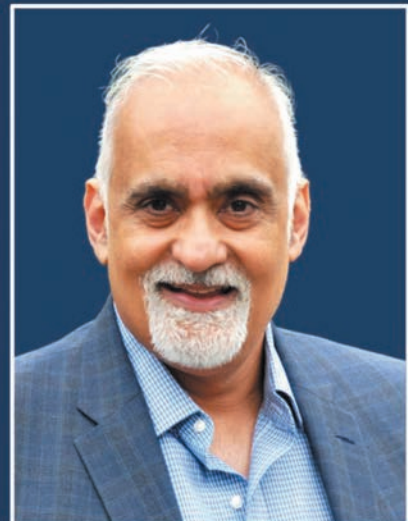
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COUNCIL CORNER

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

On behalf of the City of Happy Valley, congratulations on this incredible milestone! Your hard work and determination have brought you to this moment, and our entire community is proud of what you have accomplished.

Whether you plan to continue your education, begin a career, serve your community, or explore new paths, we hope you never underestimate the impact you can have. The future of Happy Valley and beyond will be shaped by people like you who are willing to work hard, think boldly, and care deeply about others.

No matter where your path leads next, we hope you carry forward the values, connections and experiences you gained here at home.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. We wish you the best in the years ahead!



Mayor Tom Ellis and students from Rock Creek Middle School's choir pose in the council chamber at Happy Valley City Hall.

Students delivered a pitch-perfect performance at City Hall

Rock Creek Middle School choir spent the day performing around Happy Valley

City of Happy Valley

On April 28, students from the Rock Creek Middle School choir spent their morning touring Happy Valley. The performers showcased their skills at two local assisted living facilities before a final show at Happy Valley City Hall.

2026 marked the fourth year in a row that Rock Creek Middle School choir director Sarah Strobel and her students filled the council chamber with music. Mayor Tom Ellis, City staff and parents were in attendance as students performed “Moon River”, “What a Wonderful World” and “I Sing Because I’m Happy”.

The City is grateful for the continued partnership with Happy Valley area schools and the opportunity to support student efforts.

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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

The City’s budget for the 2026/27 fiscal year has been approved

Every year, state law requires the City of Happy Valley (and all municipalities) to develop a balanced annual budget, which the city council adopts no later than the end of June for the following fiscal year. Developing an annual budget involves reviewing prior trends, future projections, and analysis. Most importantly, it involves input and approval from the city’s budget committee, which comprises all five city council members and five resident volunteers. The most important role of our committee is to ensure that your tax dollars are spent responsibly. For the 2026/27 fiscal year, the annual budget is largely a status quo budget from prior years. As many households are experiencing, the City has seen several areas where costs are



increasing faster than revenues. In addition, due to a decline in development, the City needed to reduce a few positions in the 2025/26 fiscal year. However, with careful planning, the 2026/27 budget will allow us to continue funding the services that you have come to expect, such as park beautification, road maintenance, community services, code enforcement, recreation programs, public safety services, growth management, permit processing and more. Additionally, through a concerted effort to save funds over many years, this budget enables the City to proceed with several new capital projects. For the next few budget years, we will be making the following significant investments in the community:

- Constructing the City’s future Main Street east of the roundabout at Scouters Mountain Road and 172nd Avenue, which will also provide access to the new community park
 - Developing a new community park on 40 acres of land east of the roundabout at Scouters Mountain Road and 172nd Avenue
 - Expanding and improving 172nd Avenue
 - Completing the sidewalk and bike lane gap on 147th Avenue
 - Enhancing Veteran’s Memorial Park
 - Building a new public works facility
- Developing the annual budget requires significant effort from our dedicated staff and the resident-led budget committee. I’m thankful for everyone’s efforts to ensure we continue to spend local resources wisely and in ways that advance our community priorities.

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Publisher’s Note: Have an idea for a story? We are always on the search for new people, places, and things to write about. If you have an idea for an uplifting story that would benefit the community, then we want to hear from you! To submit your idea, send an email to happyvalleyor.gov/contact-happy-valley-news and include as many details as possible, so our publication team can review your story idea. The best stories highlight the spirit and values of the Happy Valley community and showcase meaningful happenings in the lives of residents and local businesses. We invite you to include anecdotes in your story proposal that are funny, astonishing, heartwarming, and inspiring. If we think your story idea is a good fit, our community writer will get in contact with you to discuss the possibility of it being featured in an upcoming issue.

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Youth council holds 15th annual RX Drug Take Back Event

City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Youth Council annually hosts the Rx Drug Take Back event as part of its commitment to community well-being. Since 2011, these events have provided a safe way for community members to dispose of expired or no longer needed prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Over 50 lbs. of drugs were collected at the Apr. 25 event, bringing their total collection to 5,500 lbs. of unwanted medications. Too often, unused prescriptions or over-the-counter medications end up in the wrong hands. This is dangerous and can lead to tragic outcomes. This has been notably concerning following the influx of pills containing fentanyl. But even over-the-counter medications can pose a risk if not properly



No questions asked! Rx Drug Take Back events aim to help get prescription drugs off the streets and out of the hands of our most vulnerable community members. Residents are also welcome to drop off unused or expired medications at the permanent drop box at the HV Community Policing Center.

disposed. Safe disposal efforts, such as last month’s turn-in event, protect our water supply and keep drugs out of the hands of unauthorized and recreational users. If you missed the event, a permanent drop-box is located at



Pictured left to right: Mayor Tom Ellis, Youth Councilor Hawi Mekonnen, Youth Councilor Juliana Lee, Youth Council Advisor Steve Campbell, Youth Councilor Lucas Wong, and Youth Council Advisor Stephani Hern.

the Happy Valley Police Department, 12915 SE King Rd. Residents can drop there for safe disposal of unwanted or expired prescriptions and medications. A big thank you to the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, Happy Valley Police Department, and the City’s Happy Valley Community Service Officers for their assistance during the event.

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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

June 1

■ Parks Advisory Committee, City Hall: 6:00 p.m.

June 2

■ City Council Work Session, City Hall: 6:00 p.m.
■ City Council Meeting, City Hall: 7:00 p.m.

June 9

■ Library Board, Happy Valley Library: 6:00 p.m.

June 11

■ Traffic and Public Safety Committee, City Hall: 6:00 p.m.

June 19

■ City Council Work Session, City Hall: 6:00 p.m.
■ City Council Meeting, City Hall: 7:00 p.m.

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Dumpster Day offers more than just an opportunity to clean out your home

Monetary donations go toward the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation

City of Happy Valley

Dumpster Day is an annual event hosted by the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Department that brings together local businesses, volunteer organizations and residents for a community-wide spring-cleaning effort. Funded through the Parks & Recreation Levy, Dumpster Day allows residents to discard household items that are no longer working or needed. This and other events would not be possible without the support of dedicated community partners such as the Happy Valley



National Guard members from Camp Withycombe and community volunteers assist with the annual Dumpster Day event.

Parks and Recreation Foundation. The foundation provides much-needed assistance throughout the year by organizing volunteers for local events, funding projects to support local parks and trails, and providing scholarships for Parks & Recreation programming to local families in need. By bringing monetary

donations to Dumpster Day, community members can directly support the Foundation's work. All donations collected at the June 13th event will go toward the Foundation's mission to ensure the accessibility, inclusiveness, and sustainability of Happy Valley's parks, natural areas, and



National Guard members and youth volunteers help a resident remove trash from their truck.

recreation facilities and programs. To find more information about the Foundation, visit their website (hvprf.org). For more information about the Dumpster Day event, go online (hv.city/dumpster-day).

Yard debris drop-off is set for June 13th!

Bring your seasonal yard debris to the Public Works Building

City of Happy Valley

June 13th is a day for cleaning up and clearing out here in Happy Valley. In addition to the Dumpster Day event, residents can drop off seasonal yard debris, such as leaves, woody debris and grass clippings, at the Public Works building for free recycling.

YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

When: Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: Public Works Building (13910 SE Ridgecrest Road)

This will not be a station along the regular Dumpster Day route, so everyone is encouraged to allot additional time to visit that location. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging drop-off materials on-site, and no commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.



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HAPPY VALLEY BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

Face It Skin celebrates grand opening and ribbon cutting

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley welcomed a new addition to its growing business community with the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Face It Skin, a boutique skincare studio and refillery now open in the city.

The celebration featured Mayor Tom Ellis and members of the Happy Valley Business Alliance, who joined owner Genelle Holub in officially welcoming the business to the community.

Face It Skin is a skincare-focused retail and treatment studio offering curated skincare products, makeup, and wellness-inspired gifts, along with five private treatment rooms. The business emphasizes personalized, results-driven skincare with a focus on long-term skin health and individualized care.

In addition to its core skincare services, Face It Skin operates as a collaborative wellness collective, bringing together several beauty and



Mayor Tom Ellis and HVBA board members celebrated the grand opening of Face It Skin with a ribbon cutting.

wellness professionals under one roof. The shared space includes EnVie Studio, which offers threading, lashes, and beauty detailing; Haus of Noir, specializing in HydraFacial and advanced skincare treatments; and Nurse Hayley with Bare Essence, who provides injectables, wellness shots,

collagen and immune support, and weight-loss services.

Rather than functioning as separate businesses, the services are intentionally aligned to create a seamless experience centered on skin health, beauty, and wellness from the inside out. This integrated approach is what sets Face It Skin apart,



offering clients access to complementary services within one thoughtfully curated space.

Face It Skin is owned by Genelle Holub, a licensed esthetician, certified nutrition esthetician, and professional makeup artist with more than 20 years of experience in the beauty and wellness industry. Holub said she created the

studio to provide a clean, welcoming environment where treatments are tailored to each individual while supporting overall wellness and lifestyle goals.

Face It Skin is now open and welcoming new clients. More information about services and appointments is available online (FaceItSkin.net).

HAPPY VALLEY BUSINESS ALLIANCE

HVBA will celebrate the new micro kitchen units at Happy Valley Station on June 4th.



By GREGG LEBLANC
HVBA Membership Chair

The business climate in Happy Valley continues to buzz. It is exciting to see so many members of the Happy Valley Business Alliance (HVBA) open or expand to better serve our community. These are a few business happenings around HV.

■ **Ribbon Cuttings:** The calendar is filling up with ribbon cuttings this

month. The celebration for the new micro kitchen units at **Happy Valley Station** will be on June 4 at noon. **Austria-Kenney Wealth Management** has moved into a new, expanded location at One Town Center and will celebrate on June 9 at 12:30 p.m. There will be a Ribbon Cutting for **Timber and Iron Physical Therapy** on June 24.

■ **Openings in the HV Area:** **Eternity Jewelry** celebrated their opening on

May 3. They are located on Southeast Oregon Trail Dr. across from the HV Library. The “Coming Soon” sign for **Mushi Sushi & Ramen** at Sunnyside Village, 14638 SE Sunnyside, has been replaced with a “soft opening” sign. **The Aerie at Eagle Landing** will be launching a Wednesday Beats & Bites series starting on June 17. Later this month

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Magic, dragons and empire!

Local author, K.C. Torgerson, has a new book out

By JON DYER
For the Happy Valley News

In the world of romantic fantasy, or romantasy, one local Clackamas High School grad has put pen to paper and now finds herself a published author.

Kyndra Cardwell-Torgerson was born and raised in the Portland area and graduated from CHS in 2011. Her book, *The Kingdom of Mist and Shadow*, under the pen name K.C. Torgerson, is part of a planned five-book cycle centered on a young woman named Odessa Alora.

“There’s mystery, there’s magic, dragons, and empires at war, family bonds are really important, friendship, and it’s just a fun mystery,” explained Cardwell-Torgerson, who said she grew up in a very supportive environment.

“With parents who never told

me I couldn’t do anything. You just plan it out, and you do it,” she described.

She took to authorship without any formal training in writing. “I just loved reading. I read a lot as a child,” she detailed. “Then you hit your 20s, and you do life, putting reading on hold for fun. Then you pick up a book one day again in your 30s, and it’s “Oh, I’ve missed this.” And then you read over a hundred books in a year,” she laughed. “And then, afterwards, it was...I can do this. And I just went for it.”

It wasn’t all smooth sailing for her, though. In high school, she expressed interest in becoming an author.

“I had a teacher who told me my writing wasn’t good enough,” said Cardwell-Torgerson. “It really affected me. I still remember how that felt.”

Eventually, however, after many late nights as her daughter’s caregiver, she decided to start writing.

“I’d had the story in my head for a couple years. But I had that teacher’s voice in my head, it’s not going to be good enough. I wrote one chapter to see how



Kyndra Cardwell-Torgerson with her new book, *The Kingdom of Mist and Shadow*.

it would play out, gave it to my husband and he just looked at me and said Just do it. Yer good, just do it, just try. Do it for yourself, even if you never sell a copy, to say that you wrote a book.”

She has found, in the grueling process of writing a book, a lot of support along the way. She engaged family members, including two aunts and her grandmother, as editors. Her cousin is her digital artist who

designed the cover. She has made a point of finding women in the industry to support and be supported.

She explained, “I wanted to uplift women in an industry that is male dominated. I think we succeeded in that. I’m supporting them as much as they are supporting me. I even joked with my cousin, if I become famous, I’ll make you famous with me.”

She hopes readers will enjoy the world she has created. But beyond that, she feels that books are a way to process current affairs and feelings.

“There are topics that need to be discussed, and they are hard topics. So in my book, there is a fast-paced story with witches and dragons and magic, but there are also hard topics that you don’t realize it when you are reading because it is put in a fun way,” Cardwell-Torgerson said.

In the end, however, it is about legacy, about completing something that is for her, for her friends, and especially for her children.

“I wanted to create something to leave my children someday. If something were to ever happen to me, they have a part of me. Life is short, you never know if tomorrow is promised, so I I want to have something to leave my family and friends and my children that they can look back on and say Mom did this,” Cardwell-Torgerson described. “If she can do it, I can do it. I put a little of myself into each of the characters. I put the good and bad of myself in there, it’s all in there.”

Happenings

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or early next month, **Sports Clips of HV** is slated to open at Crossroads East on Southeast 172nd.

Further down the road, a new plaza is scheduled to open at Southeast Sunnyside and 130th in late 2026, anchored by **The SportsRoom Card and Memorabilia shop**.

■ **Changes, Relocations**

& Renovations: You might have missed that **Mt. Scott ENT** has relocated from Southeast Sunnybrook to One Town Center on Southeast Sunnyside. The annual entertainment pass known as Pogo Pass has been rebranded as **GetOutPass**.

Pinnacle Wealth Advisors at Southeast Sunnybrook has recently merged with IMS Capital Management. Any day now, the **Fred Meyer** at Happy Valley Crossroads will embark on a remodel

that will run into early fall, with minimal disruption to your shopping routine.

Rumors & Musings: Speculation is swirling regarding our vacant restaurant spaces. There are rumors that **Huckleberry’s Restaurant** - which is currently taking over a former Shari’s in Gresham—might be eyeing the vacant Shari’s at the Sunnyside Marketplace. Huckleberry’s currently has 35 units with plans to open 50 more during 2026.

Another breakfast-and-lunch concept growing exponentially is **First Watch Restaurant**, which boasts 648 locations and plans to open 60 more this year. As for the vacant Claim Jumper location? Suggestions from the community include **BJ’s Restaurant and Brewhouse, Yard House, or Pastini**.

■ **Kudos:** During a recent HVBA Meeting, members shouted out **Chicago Title, the Aerie at Eagle Landing, RECS** indoor pickleball

courts, Michelle Groves with **RE/MAX Equity Group**, Lizbeth with **Tree City Real Estate**, and **Villas Market**.

The HVBA Board would like to recognize **Patrick Sheehan** for his incredible work as Meeting Coordinator. Patrick was instrumental in lining up keynote speakers for our monthly member meetings, and we wish him the very best as he relocates to Arizona.

For community members and businesses

looking to plug in, join us for our **HVBA Networking Social** (2nd Wednesday afternoon) or our **Monthly Member Meeting** (4th Wednesday morning). Visit hvba.biz for ribbon-cutting dates, meeting details, and more.

How can the Happy Valley Business best serve our community? Reach out to me at Gregg@NWNestRE.com with your ideas, business rumors, and suggestions. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are found in everyday foods and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, milk, gravies, sauces and food scraps. If poured down the sink drain or into your garbage disposal, FOG can build up over time by sticking to the insides of sewer pipes. This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or the public wastewater system. You can help prevent sewer backups by following these simple steps:

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The City of Happy Valley's Public Works Department poses with Mayor Tom Ellis and City leaders.

City celebrates National Public Works Week

Public Works Day includes big trucks and dirt cups

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Department recently welcomed families to a fun-filled Public Works Day celebration, offering the community a behind-the-scenes look at the

hardworking team that keeps Happy Valley running every day. Guests enjoyed sweet dirt cup treats, temporary tattoos, and mini safety vests modeled after the gear worn by our Public Works crew. Kids stayed entertained with hands-on activities like “Hammer Time,” “Pipeline,” and digging in the sand pit, plus a playful “car wash” station that added to the excitement.

One of the biggest attractions of the day was the chance to explore real Public Works vehicles up close. From dump trucks and big rigs to street sweepers, children climbed aboard and imagined themselves behind the wheel one day. Smiles and laughter filled the event as young visitors got a firsthand look at the equipment that helps keep our city safe and clean. Public Works Week is an opportunity to recognize

the essential services that support our community every day — from maintaining streets and water systems to caring for parks and public spaces. The

event provided a fun and meaningful way for families to connect with the dedicated crews who make this work possible. A big thank you to our

Public Works team and Clackamas Water Environment Services for all they do to keep Happy Valley safe, clean, and thriving in every season!



Attendees enjoyed dirt cup treats at the celebration.



The temporary tattoo station was a popular activity at the event.



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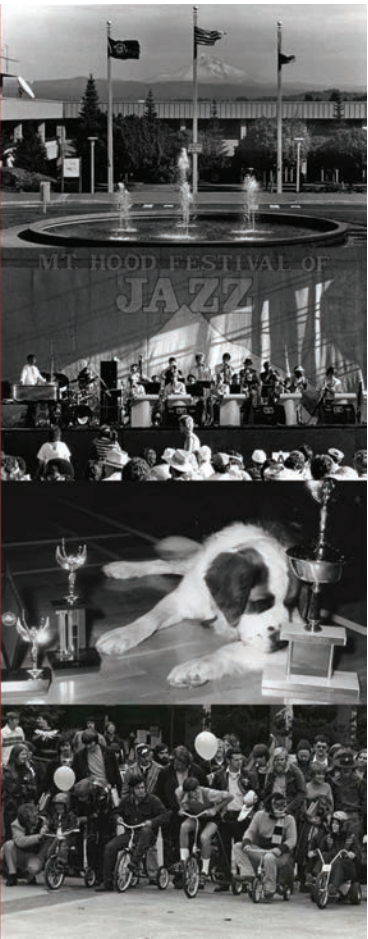
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Fun Run brings Happy Valley community TOGETHER

City of Happy Valley

On May 16, more than 400 community members gathered at Happy Valley Elementary School for the

47th Annual Fun Run, a longtime community tradition benefiting local students and educational programs. Hosted by the Happy

Valley Elementary PTO, the event featured three timed races, including a kids’ dash, a 5K, and a 10K. Participants of all ages laced up their running shoes and came together for a morning focused on fitness, fun, and community spirit.

Funds raised through the Fun Run help support a variety of school programs and resources, including grade enrichment opportunities, classroom stipends, learning center needs, educational materials, and other essential school programs that contribute to student success.

In addition to the races, attendees had the



The Happy Valley Elementary PTO pumped up the fun with decorations and music!



With handmade signs and big smiles, two young supporters celebrate mom after she crossed the finish line for the 10K race at the Fun Run.

opportunity to connect with neighbors, friends, and representatives from several local organizations, including the City of Happy Valley, the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation, the Happy Valley Police Department, the Clackamas Fire District #1, and Happy Valley Parks & Recreation.

The annual event continues to highlight the strong community partnerships and support that help make Happy Valley schools and students thrive.



Kids take off from the starting line during the kids dash at the Happy Valley Fun Run.

CLACKAMAS FIRE

Make water safety a priority

Clackamas Fire District 1

As temperatures rise and more families head to rivers, lakes, and pools this summer, Clackamas Fire District is reminding the community to make water safety a priority.

Even experienced swimmers can find themselves in dangerous situations due to cold water temperatures, swift currents, changing river conditions, or unexpected hazards beneath the surface. Every year, emergency responders across our region respond to preventable water emergencies. Taking a few simple precautions can help keep you and your loved ones safe while enjoying the outdoors.

Water safety tips

- Always wear a properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating, floating, kayaking, paddleboarding, or participating in water recreation.
- Never underestimate cold water. Even on hot days, rivers and lakes can remain dangerously cold, leading to cold-water shock.
- Keep a close eye on children near water. Designate a “water watcher” who stays focused and avoids distractions like phones or conversations.
- Avoid alcohol while swimming or boating, as it can impair judgment and reaction time.
- Know your limits and be aware of changing water conditions, currents, and

river debris.

- Swim in designated areas whenever possible and never swim alone.
- If someone is in trouble in the water, call 911 immediately. Avoid entering the water yourself unless trained to do so. Reach or throw a flotation device instead.
- Be prepared before you go
- Before heading out, check weather and water conditions, let someone know your plans, and bring essential safety equipment. Wearing brightly colored life jackets and keeping communication devices nearby can also improve visibility and response in an emergency.
- Summer recreation is one of the best parts of living in the Pacific Northwest, and preparation plays a key role in



keeping everyone safe. By making smart decisions around water, we can help prevent tragedies and ensure a safer summer for our community.



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Happy Valley urges residents to avoid illegal fireworks this summer

As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, the City of Happy Valley is reminding residents that illegal fireworks are prohibited within city limits and that violations can result in financial penalties, possible criminal charges, and serious risks to public safety, neighborhoods, wildlife areas, and the community as a whole.

Public Safety Director Steve Campbell said the issue is about far more than simply celebrating the Fourth of July. Illegal fireworks can create devastating consequences for neighbors, veterans, pets, property owners, and the environment. With hotter summers, increasingly dry conditions, and elevated wildfire concerns throughout Oregon, Campbell said residents should carefully consider the broader impacts fireworks can have on the community.

“Protecting our community has to come first,” Campbell said. “This is no longer just about celebrating a holiday. We have changing environmental conditions, extreme fire danger, wildlife corridors, open spaces, and neighborhoods that could all be devastated by one careless decision involving illegal fireworks.”

The city has maintained fireworks enforcement regulations for many years, including ordinance authority allowing citations for the possession and use of illegal fireworks.

Individuals found using or possessing illegal fireworks in Happy Valley may receive

citations of up to \$1,000. Each illegal firework may be considered a separate violation, potentially resulting in significant cumulative fines. In especially reckless incidents involving injuries, fires, or property damage, criminal charges and arrest may also occur.

According to the city, a firm \$1,000 citation may be issued on the spot if someone is found in possession of illegal fireworks within city limits. The city’s Illegal Fireworks Task Force will once again be deployed throughout the summer season to help enforce fireworks laws and protect the community.

Campbell said one of the city’s greatest concerns is wildfire danger. Happy Valley contains extensive wildlife corridors, natural open spaces, parks, trails, pedestrian pathways, and undeveloped areas that could easily ignite from fireworks debris.

“We have parks, trails, pedestrian pathways, natural open spaces, and dry vegetation throughout the city,” Campbell said. “There is tremendous potential for fireworks to land in one of these areas and start a fire that could spread rapidly and threaten homes, property, and lives.”

Because of changing environmental conditions and increasing fire danger throughout the region, the city is strongly encouraging residents not to use illegal fireworks and to think carefully before using any fireworks at all.

The city also maintains authority to prohibit all fireworks — including otherwise legal Oregon consumer fireworks — during periods of extreme fire danger if restrictions are enacted by the fire marshal or other fire authorities.

Campbell also emphasized the personal and emotional impacts fireworks can have on residents. Loud explosions and repeated blasts can be deeply troubling for individuals suffering from PTSD or PTS, including military veterans, first responders, and others affected by traumatic experiences.

“People sometimes forget that these explosions can be extremely troubling for individuals suffering from PTSD or PTS, particularly military veterans and first responders,” Campbell said. “What may seem like harmless fun to one person can be traumatic and deeply disruptive for someone else.”

Animal welfare is another growing concern during fireworks season. Many pets experience severe anxiety from loud explosions, often becoming disoriented, panicked, or attempting to flee homes and yards.

“Our four-legged family members suffer tremendously during fireworks season,” Campbell said. “We hear from residents every year whose pets become terrified, run away, injure themselves, or experience severe anxiety because of these explosions.”

Illegal fireworks also present substantial risks of physical injury. Illegal devices frequently



behave unpredictably and may result in burns, amputations, hearing damage, eye injuries, or other serious harm to users and bystanders. Oregon law prohibits numerous types of fireworks, including bottle rockets, Roman candles, firecrackers, M-80s, missiles, and sky lanterns.

Campbell strongly encouraged residents not to travel outside Oregon to purchase fireworks. Fireworks purchased in neighboring states are frequently illegal under Oregon law and may result in citations if brought back into Happy Valley.

This summer, the City of Happy Valley’s Illegal Fireworks Task Force will once again operate throughout the holiday season. Police personnel, community service officers, and city staff will actively respond to complaints, conduct enforcement patrols, and educate residents about fireworks safety.

“The city assembles an Illegal Fireworks Task Force every year, and we will absolutely be out in force this summer ensuring the community is protected and safe,” Campbell said. “We want voluntary compliance, but we are also prepared to enforce the law when necessary.”

Residents are encouraged to report illegal fireworks activity by calling the non-emergency dispatch number at 503-655-8211. Community members may also submit concerns through the city’s website or contact the city through its official Facebook page.

The city will again host its annual Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Program. Residents may voluntarily surrender illegal fireworks with no questions asked and without penalty from June 29 through July 3 at the Happy Valley Police Department, located at 12915 SE King Road.

“The amnesty program is an opportunity for people to do the right thing without fear of penalties,” Campbell said. “We encourage residents to surrender illegal fireworks, be responsible neighbors, and help us keep the community safe heading into the Fourth of July holiday.”

“This is about protecting our neighborhoods, our parks, our open spaces, our veterans, our pets, and our community as a whole,” Campbell said. “The choices made by one person can impact an entire neighborhood, and we encourage everyone to celebrate responsibly and safely.”

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The Importance of Hydration for Seniors

Staying hydrated is important for everyone, but it becomes particularly crucial for senior citizens. As we age, our bodies undergo changes that can make us more vulnerable to dehydration. Senior citizens have a higher risk of dehydration due to factors such as a decreased sense of thirst, reduced kidney function, and medication side effects. Senior citizens should prioritize proper hydration daily.

Staying hydrated helps the body function properly. Adequate hydration can help prevent constipation, reduce the risk of urinary tract infections, and promote healthy skin. Additionally, staying hydrated can help boost energy levels and cognitive function, which can be particularly beneficial for seniors who want to maintain their independence and quality of life.

One common misconception

about hydration is that it is only necessary during hot weather or intense physical activity. However, seniors need to drink fluids regularly, even if they do not feel thirsty. Seniors can also incorporate other sources of fluids such as soups, herbal teas, and fruits with high water content like watermelon and cucumber.

Certain medications can increase the risk of dehydration, so senior citizens should consult their healthcare provider about how much fluid they should consume. Be mindful of signs of dehydration such as dry mouth, dark urine, and dizziness, and seek medical attention if necessary.

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Pro tips before heading out on any extended vacation

- Temporarily suspend your mail, paper, and any automatic deliveries.
- Let a trusted neighbor know where you will be, how long you’ll be gone, and how to contact you in case of an emergency.
- Leave a light on and program a radio or television on a timer to make it look like someone is home.
- Lock your doors and windows.
- Ask a neighbor to put away any trash receptacles, so they aren’t left at the curb.

Happy Valley Community Garage Sale returns!

The annual event will take place June 26-28

By **KERRY MEHL**
For the Happy Valley News

Most Oregonians know the recycling symbol phrase by heart: “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.”

Did you know that 99% of a material’s greenhouse gas emissions come from the production of that new material? It is wonderful that we take pride in recycling here in Oregon, but the more we reduce and reuse our existing materials, the less material we need to recycle in the first place.

The annual Happy Valley Community Garage Sale is happening this month, from June 26th-28th. It is a great opportunity to find new life and new homes for our existing items. Local families who

want to participate can register their sale on the HVGS website (happyvalleysale.org) and include their address, days of their sale, and some specific items for sale. Buyers can search the database for specific items or plan their own path for the sales they want to shop that day. There will also be paper maps printed and distributed to local businesses like Elka Bee’s, so shoppers can have a map in one hand and coffee in the other as they plan their shopping route.

Kerry Mehl, an 8th grade science teacher at Happy Valley Middle School, has organized the sale for the last six years and has seen it continue to grow. In 2025, there were 144 sales all around

Happy Valley.

“It will be interesting to see how many shoppers we actually have over the course of the weekend,” said Mehl. In past years, shoppers have come from as far as Bend and Seattle to score some good deals. Mehl is also taking a Master Recycler class through Metro and Clackamas County and hopes to support sellers with information to improve sales and reuse even more items, helping reduce our collective carbon footprint.

To find out more information about the event, please visit the Happy Valley Garage Sale page on Facebook (facebook.com/HappyValleyGarageSale) or their website (happyvalleysale.org).

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Car Care Clinic helps drivers stay road-ready

Parks and Recreation hosts another successful hands-on workshop for the community

City of Happy Valley

On April 25, drivers of all ages gathered for Happy Valley Parks and Recreation’s annual Car Care Clinic. Designed to enhance confidence behind the wheel, the event gave participants practical tools for maintaining their vehicles and staying safe on the road.

Throughout the day, 20 attendees rotated through a series of hands-on stations led by local experts. From checking tire pressure and tread wear to understanding dashboard alerts and practicing changing a tire, drivers were able to build real-world skills they can rely on. Representatives from the Happy Valley Police Department were also on hand to provide valuable safety advice and answer questions about road preparedness.

We are grateful to everyone who joined us for the 2025 Car Care Clinic! A special thank you to our partners — Les Schwab Tire Centers, AAA, and the Happy Valley Police Department — for sharing their expertise and helping us empower our community to drive smarter and safer.



ABOVE: Les Schwab shared tips on tire health and safety.

LEFT: AAA assisted individuals in learning how to locate and inspect car fluids.

BELOW: Thanks to AAA, Les Schwab, Happy Valley Police, Mayor Ellis, Community Services Director Campbell, Parks & Rec staff and the Happy Valley Youth Council.





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Competing and careers in construction

Students build a shed for competition and a skill base in construction

By JONATHAN DYER
For the Happy Valley News

“It’s about empowerment – about having an idea, building it, and then stepping back and seeing it as an accomplishment,” said Angela Wright.

Wright is the Building Construction Career Technical Educator at the Sabin Schellenberg Professional Technical Center of North Clackamas School District. Recently, she took her class to Salem to compete against other high schools and school districts in the Construction Industry Education Foundation (CIEF) annual Design-Build Competition. Ten students, ranging from sophomores to seniors and hailing from all four high schools in the district, spent two days on the campus of Chemeketa Community College, joining students from across Oregon to compete.

“It is a timed event. You have 12 hours of work time to build a shed. You are judged on quality craftsmanship, safety standards, and design. I think we placed middle, but I think it was good for all of us,” said senior Soren Nead-Depue, who is in his second year with the program. “We were all really tired, but it was a lot of fun.”

“Honestly, I didn’t think I was going to enjoy it, but it has given me some really good memories,” said Jace Bennett, a senior, about the competition. “And, I just like spending time with my friends.”

The program, however, is more than just competitions. It’s about “providing students with the skills to walk out of school and into the industry if they



Students, teachers, and advisors from the advanced construction class of Sabin Schellenberg Professional Technical Center pose in front of the shed they built during the Construction Industry Education Foundation Design Build Competition. The team traveled to Salem, Oregon on May 13-14, to compete with high school teams from all over the state.



Senior Soren Nead-Depue cuts a piece of lumber for his teammates.

want. If the college track is not there, they can go straight into the trades,” explained Wright. “They get industry-recognized credentials that can get them straight into the union when they are hiring.”

In addition to the skillsets and hands-on work, however, Wright emphasized other elements of the program.

“Also, it builds confidence, problem-solving skills, and working together. Whether you are a builder or go into the

trades or not, I think you carry that with you. This environment is inherently teamwork-based. It’s not lip service. You can’t do it without a team and I think that is evident,” Wright said.

“I have picked up a lot of team work skills. Before, I used to talk to people, but I didn’t have it all there. The second I go into this class, we started learning to work as a team, and now I am able to lead people,” Bennett said.



A student from the advanced construction class of Sabin Schellenberg Professional Technical Center works on the side of a shed they built for the Construction Industry Education Foundation Design Build Competition.

Both Bennett and Nead-Depue, as a result of their experiences in the class, plan to explore careers in the trades after high school. And both are grateful for the skills they have learned and the confidence and direction the program has given them.

“I plan to pursue maybe in plumbing or HVAC,” Nead-Depue said. “And this program has opened my eyes to the field as a career path.” But beyond



A student from the advanced construction class of Sabin Schellenberg Professional Technical Center looks over the rough plans of a shed they built for the Construction Industry Education Foundation Design Build Competition.



A student from the advanced construction class of Sabin Schellenberg Professional Technical Center works on the side of a shed they built for the Construction Industry Education Foundation Design Build Competition.

just the skills like framing, electrical, and plumbing, it has “taught me confidence in any environment. The problem-solving skills, learning how to do things on the fly, and learning to work with a crew have all been really beneficial to me.”

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Ten financial steps to take before and after your wedding day

Getting married is a major decision that comes with a financial to-do list that’s arguably more important than choosing a venue or a cake. Talking openly about money can help set you and your partner up for a stronger future.

What financial conversations should I have with my fiancé?

Head into your marriage with honest conversations about money, including these four topics:

1. Discuss how your families handled finances when you were young, whether you’re a spender or saver and what debt you’re willing to take on.
2. Share how much you each earn, spend and save. Discuss assets and debts, including mortgages, student or auto loans and credit card balances; your partner’s debt can become joint debt after marriage.
3. Align on a budget as a couple that reflects the life you want to build – where you’ll live; what you’ll spend on housing, travel and hobbies; and how often you’ll review your finances together.
4. Talk through your goals. Make separate lists of short-, medium- and long-term financial dreams and compare them. You’ll likely find some common ground, and where you don’t, look for ways to compromise. A financial advisor can help.

Should I ask for a prenup?

Couples with significantly different assets or debts, those expecting large inheritances or those blending families are more likely to want to consider a prenuptial agreement. A prenup outlines how assets, debts, future income, inheritance and even spousal support will be handled during the marriage and if it ends, but it cannot address child custody.

Should my new spouse and I blend our finances?

Regarding couples blending finances, there’s no one right answer. Some couples combine everything, others keep accounts separate and many land somewhere in between. Agree on who pays which bills, how major decisions get made and what spending threshold triggers a check-in.

What financial tasks should we complete after getting married?

Once you’re married, these six tasks deserve attention.

1. Take advantage of the special enrollment period, which typically lasts 30 days after getting married, to update employer benefits such as health insurance. Revisit retirement plan contributions if your combined income has grown.
2. Review insurance coverage. Combining homeowners or renters, auto and umbrella policies can often reduce costs. Make sure you have enough life insurance.
3. Update beneficiaries on insurance policies, retirement plans, investment accounts, bank accounts and real estate.
4. If you change your name, order multiple copies of your marriage certificate. You’ll need them to update your Social Security card, financial accounts, and employer and medical records.
5. Update your W-4 withholding to reflect your new marital status and ask a tax professional whether filing jointly or separately makes more sense.
6. Work with an attorney to create or update your will, medical directive, and financial and health care powers of attorney. Your estate plan should reflect your new life together.

Marriage is a fresh start.

With honest conversations, careful planning and the right professional support, you can build a financial foundation as strong as your relationship.

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Be sure to add these Friday Night concerts to your summer schedule, free from the Library.

SUMMER CONCERTS

The Happy Valley Library is preparing for their 11th annual “Concerts in the Park” series, sponsored by the Friends of Happy Valley Library. Once again, these free concerts will be held on Fridays, 6:30-8:30 pm, in Village Green Park across the street from the library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and join us for a music-filled evening!

- July 24: Steve & Margot
- July 31: Lisa Mann Trio
- August 7: Tanner Cundy Trio
- August 14: Sherry Summerville
- August 21: Pa'lante



Lace up your boots and hit the trail with the Happy Valley Hikers and the Happy Valley Library.

Let’s Hike!

Back for a fourth 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 2 walks a month that start from Village Green Park, across from the Library. The hikes are moderately-paced and OK for kids, dogs and strollers. Hiking shoes recommended, as some trails are gravel. Look for the full schedule at go.lincc.org/hvhike.

Happy Valley Seed Library

Introducing the Happy Valley Seed Library! Just in time for this year’s Summer Reading theme, “Plant a Seed, Read!”, your Happy Valley Library has launched its own seed library. The Seed Library supports the library’s mission to enhance the economic, social, and cultural vitality of the community. Seed libraries also encourage local resource sustainability, build community via food education, and further support library and city gardening programs.

To help start this Seed Library program, the cabinet (a card catalog – remember those?) was gifted by our friends at the Estacada Public Library. We also received a number of seed donations from various gardener groups and look forward to requesting donations from the community again this fall.

How does it work? Visit the Seed Library located around the corner of the front desk. Find a variety of seeds you’d like to plant, scoop them into an envelope, let the front desk know how many different seed types you’re “checking out”, and take them to your garden to grow!

This program is open to anyone eligible for a LINCC library card. Seeds available while supplies last.



Check out the seed options available through the Happy Valley Library

Celebrate Pride Month!

Read with PRIDE! To celebrate Pride Month, we are highlighting new titles by LGBTQ+ creators to read all year long!

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is celebrated each year in June to honor the Stonewall Uprising, which occurred in late June of 1969 and was a tipping point in the movement for LGBTQ+ rights. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize and celebrate the contributions of LGBTQ+ people throughout history and in the present day.

For the full booklists visit go.lincc.org/hvpride.

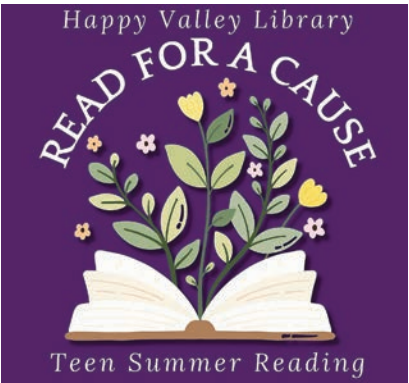


Explore titles for all readers that celebrate Pride Month through the Library’s booklists.

Teen Read for a Cause

Teen Read for a Cause continues for a fifth summer, thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Library! The Friends of Happy Valley Library are donating \$5 for every teen summer reading finisher,

Two charities to consider for support: Love One and Pueblo Unido. When teens finish their reading record, they will get to vote for which charity they would like their reading to support. Get reading teens – it’s for a good cause!



Teens can support a local charity this summer, just by reading, thanks to a generous donation from Friends of Happy Valley Library.

Summer Reading is happening now at the Library!

The Happy Valley Library invites all ages (babies, kids, teens, and adults!) to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Come into the library to pick up a reading log to start tracking your reading. Kids and teens read for at least 20 minutes a day on 24 separate days. Audiobooks count! And so does being read or sung to if you’re 5 or younger. Turn in your reading record in August for a free book. The popular Book BINGO is returning for adults!

Read different types of books to get a BINGO for a chance to win prizes. Sign up to get a BINGO card on your next visit to the library. Book BINGO will also be available in Spanish.

Stay tuned for summer programming including crafts and games for kids and teens in area parks, concerts and hikes.

Find out more at go.lincc.org/hvsummerreading



Plant a seed, hear some music, read and more this summer through the Library’s annual Summer Reading Program.

PROGRAMS

All Ages Programs

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

Chess Meet Up

Saturday, June 6, 10:15-11:45 am
Meeting Room

Calling chess enthusiasts of all ages and levels, it’s a morning of chess playing fun at this friendly meet up! Some boards available.

Adult Programs

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

English Classes

Community Room B
Intermediate: Mondays, 10:15 am
Advanced: Mondays, 1:00 pm

All are welcome to drop in to this weekly class. Each student will receive a free textbook to use in the classes.

Mah Jongg

Fridays, 12:30-3:30 pm
Community Room A

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



Local Shakespeare troupe OPSF brings the drama to the Library’s park in this free evening performance.

Crochet Club

Sunday, June 21, 2:00-3:00 pm
Community Room A

All levels are invited to bring your crochet project for a social sit and stitch! This friendly group offers an opportunity to share ideas, get help with tricky projects, and hang out with other crochet fans. You bring your supplies and the Library will provide hot water, tea, and a cozy atmosphere. RSVP available.

Shakespeare in the Park

Saturday, June 27, 5:30 pm
Village Green Park

Join us for a free play sponsored by the Friends of Happy Valley Library. Bring a picnic, a blanket, or chair, and join us

for a drama-filled evening! The Original Practice Shakespeare Festival presents “Midsommer” using the original practice techniques of Elizabethan England: limited rehearsal, scrolls in hand, audience interaction, and an onstage prompter. It’s a classic like you’ve never experienced! RSVP available.

Puzzle Exchange

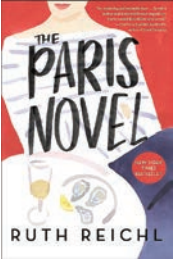
Sunday, June 28, 2:00-4:00 pm
Community Room A & B

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Come to our puzzle exchange to get some new-to-you puzzles! Bring and take as many puzzles as you like. You’ll find a wide variety of puzzles on the tables -- all sizes, piece counts, shapes, styles, and degrees of difficulty. No puzzles with missing pieces please!

Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, July 2, 6:00-7:30 pm
Community Room B

Read *The Paris Novel* by Ruth Reichl and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!



Youth Programs

No Storytimes in the summer, we have Summer Reading instead!

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All Ages Programs

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

Let’s Build

Tuesdays, 2:00-3:30 pm
Community Rooms A & B

Drop in for some free building fun with LEGO and Duplo blocks.

Youth Programs

Playtime

Tuesdays, 10:15 am -11:45 am
Community Room A

For 0-5 year olds and their caregivers. We’ll bring out Duplo and toys for lots of indoor playtime fun.

Field Days:

Village Green Park

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Village Green Park

For ages 3-11. Drop in for crafts and games at Village Green Park with the Library and Happy Valley Parks & Recreation.

Field Days:

Centennial Park

Thursdays, 10:30 am
Centennial Park (Damascus)

For ages 3-11. Drop in for crafts and games at Centennial Park in Damascus (behind the old fire station).

Tweens & Teens

For teens in grades 6-12.

Tween & Teen Hangout

Thursdays, 3:00-4:30 pm
Community Room A

For ages 10-18. Choose from board games, video games, puzzles and crafts at this weekly hangout.





ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clackamas High School



Emiliano Diaz-Garcia Senior Boys Track

Senior track distance runner Emiliano Diaz-Garcia set two individual school records in the 1500m and 3000m races. Also a member of our school record setting 4x800m Relay team establishing himself as the best distance runner to go through Clackamas High School. Emiliano is a captain of our track team this year and will do great at district and state meets to finish off his high school career.

Congrats Emiliano! Go Cavs!

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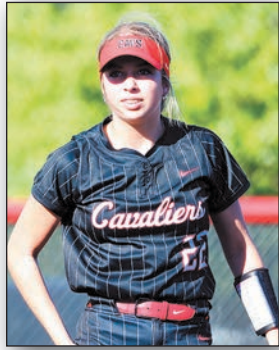


David Lim Senior Boys Golf

With the pressure on, Clackamas four year varsity golfer, David shot a career best 5-under par 67 at the Regional Tournament on May 11th winning the tournament by five strokes. This was David's third individual medalist honor this season out of 8 tournaments. David will represented Clackamas High at the 6A Boys State Tournament. David is also a phenomenal student and looking to study mechanical engineering at Oregon State University next year.

Congrats David! Go Cavs!

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McKinlee Johnson Freshman Softball

McKinlee Johnson has caught fire- hitting .467 with an OBP of .500. SLG: 1.200 OPS: 1.700 for the week, including a grand slam against Nelson on senior night. As a freshman, McKinlee starts at shortstop and hits leadoff for the team. She has been one of the standouts this year for a young team. McKinlee is a wonderful teammate, constantly supporting her team.

Congrats McKinlee! Go Cavs!

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Adrienne C. Nelson HS



Jakey Boria Senior Varsity Golf

Jakey finished the Boys Golf season earning 2nd Team All-Mt. Hood Conference as well as a spot in the State Golf Tournament.

Congrats Jakey! Go Hawks!

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Aiden Truong Senior Varsity Boys Tennis

Aiden qualified for the State Tennis Tournament as a doubles participant. He also helped his team win the Mt. Hood Conference Championship.

Congrats Aiden! Go Hawks!

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Mikayla Chao Sophomore Varsity Girls Golf

Mikayla secured her position as a District Qualifying Individual for State in girls golf.

Way to go, Mikayla! Go Hawks!

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Egor Sorokin Freshman Varsity Boys Tennis

Egor helped his Tennis team win the Mt. Hood Conference Championship. He also qualified for State as a doubles participant.

Congrats Egor! Go Hawks!

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