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City Council *HONORS* a true community *HERO*



Mark Oelschlager ran to help during the Public Works Facility fire in July

City of Happy Valley

On Sunday, July 26, a small utility vehicle caught fire inside a shop at the City's Public Works Facility located next to Happy Valley Park. The flames spread rapidly throughout

the building and quickly jumped to a second structure approximately 25 feet away. Wind conditions pushed the flames east, creating a serious risk that the fire could spread to nearby homes. Fortunately, quick thinking and rapid emergency response helped prevent the fire from advancing further. Mark Oelschlager, a firefighter with

the Lake Oswego Fire Department who lives across the street from the facility, was outside doing yard work in his T-shirt and flip-flops when he noticed smoke coming from the Public Works site. His first responder training kicked in and he immediately called 911 as he ran toward the facility. The site is protected by a locked gate.

Oelschlager knew firefighters would need access when they arrived, so he jumped the facility fence and began searching for a way to open the gate. Using a piece of metal he found, he opened it before firefighters arrived, allowing Clackamas Fire's Engine 306

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Roadwork projects keep community crews busy



Crews take advantage of the sunny season to maintain roads

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley has more than 170 lane miles of roadway, valued at 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 aim to repair wear-and-tear damage from weather, general traffic use, and aging, while also 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. The City monitors every street and schedules it for treatment at some point to extend the life of our roads. Crack sealing involves injecting hot tar or asphalt into cracks and seams in the roadway. This works to prevent water from



Road crews repaired a pot hole along King Road.

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Election Day is coming up!

City of Happy Valley

Ahead of the Nov. 3, 2026 General Election, Happy Valley residents can make a plan to cast their ballots. The City of Happy Valley has two official ballot drop boxes:

- **Happy Valley City Hall:** 16000 SE Misty Dr. (drive-up access)
- **Happy Valley Library:** 13793 SE Sieben Park Way (walk-up access only)

The Happy Valley Library will again serve as the Happy Valley Vote Center. Sworn election officials staff the voter service location, which offers voter assistance and replacement ballots for voters in Clackamas County. Citizens can replace a lost or damaged ballot, update voter registration information, get voting assistance if they have a disability, get voting assistance in a preferred language, return their voted ballot, or vote in person.

Ballots must be mailed back with a valid postmark on or before Election Day or returned to an Official Ballot Drop Site before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

To learn more about voting in Clackamas County and for more information about the Nov. 3, 2026 General Election, visit: Clackamas.us/elections



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Road work

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seeping in and creating base failures in the road's infrastructure. Slurry seal applies a mixture of liquid asphalt and fine aggregate to the road surface. This helps preserve pavement and provides a new driving surface. This summer, the City crack sealed 11.6 total miles of road and slurry sealed 3.6 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 31.4 total miles. This work includes repainting center line stripes and refreshing 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 frequently used areas remain visible and easy to identify.

Pothole repair

Potholes make streets less drivable, increase wear and tear on vehicles, and contribute to safety challenges for drivers and pedestrians. Repairs include patching ruts, depressions,

bumps, and pavement edge defects on City streets. The City inspects for potholes throughout the year and repairs them in line with the Pavement Quality Index, an industry-standard rating system that helps the City prioritize restoration work. This year the City rehabilitated 4,700 linear feet of roadway.

Curb ramp upgrades

When cities complete roadway improvement projects such as resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction, the Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) require pedestrian curb ramps to meet current ADA accessibility standards. As part of the City of Happy Valley's ongoing commitment to accessibility, crews upgraded 29 curb ramps this year. These improvements create safer, more accessible routes for all users and support the City's draft ADA Transition Plan, which identifies and prioritizes barrier removal throughout the community.

Road construction and maintenance may cause temporary inconveniences and delays, but they improve efficiency and safety for travelers. On behalf of the City, the engineering team would like to thank residents impacted by road projects. We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation in keeping our shared roads in tip-top condition.



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Hero

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to drive directly into the facility without delay. Oelschlager's help did not end there. Engine 306 arrived with one fewer crew member than usual, so he stepped in to help roll out a hose line and connect it to a hydrant across Ridgecrest Road. By quickly establishing a water supply, Oelschlager allowed firefighters to begin suppressing the fire sooner and focus their efforts on protecting nearby structures.

Thanks to Clackamas Fire personnel, the second structure was prevented from becoming fully engulfed, and the fire was stopped before it could reach nearby homes. While it is impossible to know exactly how the situation might have unfolded otherwise, Oelschlager's quick actions reduced critical delays in gaining access to the facility, deploying hose lines and establishing a water source during the early moments of the emergency.

In recognition of his awareness, initiative, and willingness to act when every second mattered, the Happy Valley City Council honored Oelschlager with the Community Heroism Award for his exceptional service to the community. His actions made a meaningful difference during a dangerous situation and serve as a reminder that one person's willingness to step forward can have a lasting impact on their neighbors and their community.





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PGE recruiting members for advisory committee

Portland General Electric

PGE is looking for volunteers to serve on a new Clackamas County Community Advisory Council.

Members will gain insight into how energy is delivered in their communities and help shape projects to improve the electrical grid.

PGE is seeking 25 community members with diverse backgrounds who live or work in the county. Meetings will be held in person and online on a weekday evening four to five times per year.

“Anyone in Clackamas is welcome to apply,” says Alex Cousins, PGE Community Engagement Manager. “We’re seeking folks who bring an open mind to learning and problem-solving in a collaborative setting. We call this program ‘Power Together.’ Everyone needs electricity to power their lives and together we can make it more reliable, safe and affordable for every member of our community.”

The Clackamas committee is one of four that PGE is creating across its service area. To apply, visit their website (portlandgeneral.com/power-together).

For questions, send an email to: CommunityConnect@pgn.com.



Celebrating first responders

National First Responders Day is Oct. 28

City of Happy Valley

National First Responders Day recognizes the professionals who step forward when emergencies occur.

From firefighters and law enforcement officers to paramedics and other emergency personnel, first responders provide critical services that protect lives and support communities every day.

In Happy Valley, that commitment is reflected through the work of the Happy Valley Police Department and Clackamas Fire District. We invite residents to join us in thanking these dedicated professionals for the important role they play in keeping our community safe and supported.

Happy Valley Police Department

The City of Happy Valley partners with the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) to provide dedicated law enforcement services funded entirely through the Public Safety Levy, which is voted on by residents every five years.

Through the annual contract with CCSO, deputies are assigned specifically to serve Happy Valley, providing 24/7 patrols, investigations, crime prevention efforts, traffic enforcement, school safety



Happy Valley celebrates first responders every year on National Night Out.

programs and emergency response.

In addition to responding to emergencies, Happy Valley’s law enforcement team works year-round to build relationships, promote public safety and serve residents. On National First Responders Day, we thank the deputies and law enforcement professionals who help keep our community safe.

Clackamas Fire District

Clackamas Fire District (CFD) operates Stations 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Happy Valley, providing a wide range of emergency services that help protect residents every day. In addition to fire suppression, CFD responds to medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous materials incidents, water rescues

and technical rescue situations requiring specialized training and equipment, ensuring the community is prepared for a wide range of emergencies.

Whether responding to a medical emergency, rescuing someone in need, or protecting homes and businesses from fire, Clackamas Fire District personnel bring professionalism, expertise, and dedication to every call. We are grateful for their commitment to keeping Happy Valley safe.

This National First Responders Day, we extend our sincere appreciation to the firefighters, police officers, EMS personnel, Community Service Officers and all first responders who serve our community every day.



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HAPPY VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

Council Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at **City Hall**

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COUNCIL CORNER

Dedicated volunteers are needed
to serve as advisory board members



City of Happy Valley

Are you passionate about future growth and thoughtful design? Interested in improving public safety, supporting public art or helping ensure the City’s resources are used effectively?

The City of Happy Valley is looking for engaged community members to serve on one of its seven resident-led advisory boards. Committee members meet regularly to discuss current issues, provide valuable community input and explore ways to make Happy Valley an even better place to live, work, and thrive. The City’s seven advisory boards and

committees include:

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

Planning for the future of Happy Valley is a community effort, and it takes more than the vision of City leaders. It takes the ideas, experience and participation of residents who care about their community. Through the advisory board process, committee members contribute their time and expertise to provide

strategic guidance and recommendations to the City Council.

While not every committee currently has an opening, the City is always accepting applications from residents interested in getting involved.

To be considered for an appointed advisory board position, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application, which can be found on the City’s website (hv.city/city-committees). Applications for the 2027 cycle are due Tuesday, Dec. 1.

For questions, please contact Ashley Hagg (ahagg@happyvalleyor.gov), communications manager, at 503-783-3800.

A little light goes a long way

City of Happy Valley

Whether it’s an evening dog walk, an early-morning run or a family bike ride, Happy Valley residents are always on the move.

As daylight hours get shorter, the city is once again helping our community stay a little safer and more visible.

Happy Valley Parks & Recreation, in partnership with the Happy Valley Police Department, is offering free flashing safety lights for residents. These small lights clip onto clothing, backpacks, dog leashes and more, giving drivers an extra chance to see

walkers, runners and cyclists.

Safety is a shared responsibility. Drivers can help by slowing down in neighborhoods, staying off their phones and watching carefully for people near sidewalks, crosswalks and driveways. Those out walking or riding can do their part by staying alert and making sure they’re easy to see.

Pick up a free safety light

Lights are available at Happy Valley City Hall and the Community Policing Center during regular hours. Community Service Officers will also have lights available while out in neighborhoods.



Lights are limited to one per resident, while supplies last.

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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Looking back at milestones for the City of Happy Valley

City of Happy Valley

Every year, City staff compile an Annual Report that provides an overview of the past fiscal year’s accomplishments (July – June). As Mayor, I’m consistently blown away by the amount of work that is completed to meet growing service demands.

As the City Council and the broader community have come to expect, the City of Happy Valley delivers quality customer and public service. Starting with the basics, local streets rank among the highest in pavement quality indexes in the State; parks and trails are well maintained and receive consistent upgrades; the City is safe and clean; growth is managed thoughtfully; and our community events enhance the small-town feel.

While 90% of what we do as a City focuses on the core local government services our community expects (see the fun facts), we continue to make monumental strides in delivering key projects that are a priority to the City Council. Below are just a few of the many highlights:

- Finalized improvements to Scott Creek Trail;
- Worked with Clackamas County to design improvements to 172nd Avenue;
- Advanced design of the future Community Park;
- Made progress developing plans for the future Main Street District;
- Received awards from the



MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY

Tom Ellis



The City of Happy Valley is continuing to make strides toward completing key city council projects.

Government Finance Officers Association for financial stewardship;

■ Accommodated record crowds at Summer Concerts and other community events.

None of this would be possible without community support. Likewise, volunteers on City committees served as a sounding board for advice and feedback. Lastly, our employees work tirelessly to achieve our shared goals of making Happy Valley a better place. Every accomplishment highlighted in the annual report took a team effort. I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited for the year ahead.

To review the full 2025-26 Fiscal Year Annual Report, head to the City’s website: (hv.city/annual-reports).

Fun Facts for Fiscal Year 2025-26

- 1,365 miles of streets swept
- 308,740 feet of crack seal installed
- 37.8 tons of waste collected on Dumpster Day
- 50 lbs. of unwanted drugs turned in
- 756,453 materials checked out at the library
- 23,276 people served with sports field bookings
- 158 planning applications/pre-apps/etc.
- 1,939 engineering inspections
- 153 new single-family home permits
- 8,871 building inspections
- 17 new businesses welcomed to HV
- 3,428 passport applications
- 2,078 code enforcement cases
- 42,089 records digitized
- 697 new dog licenses issued

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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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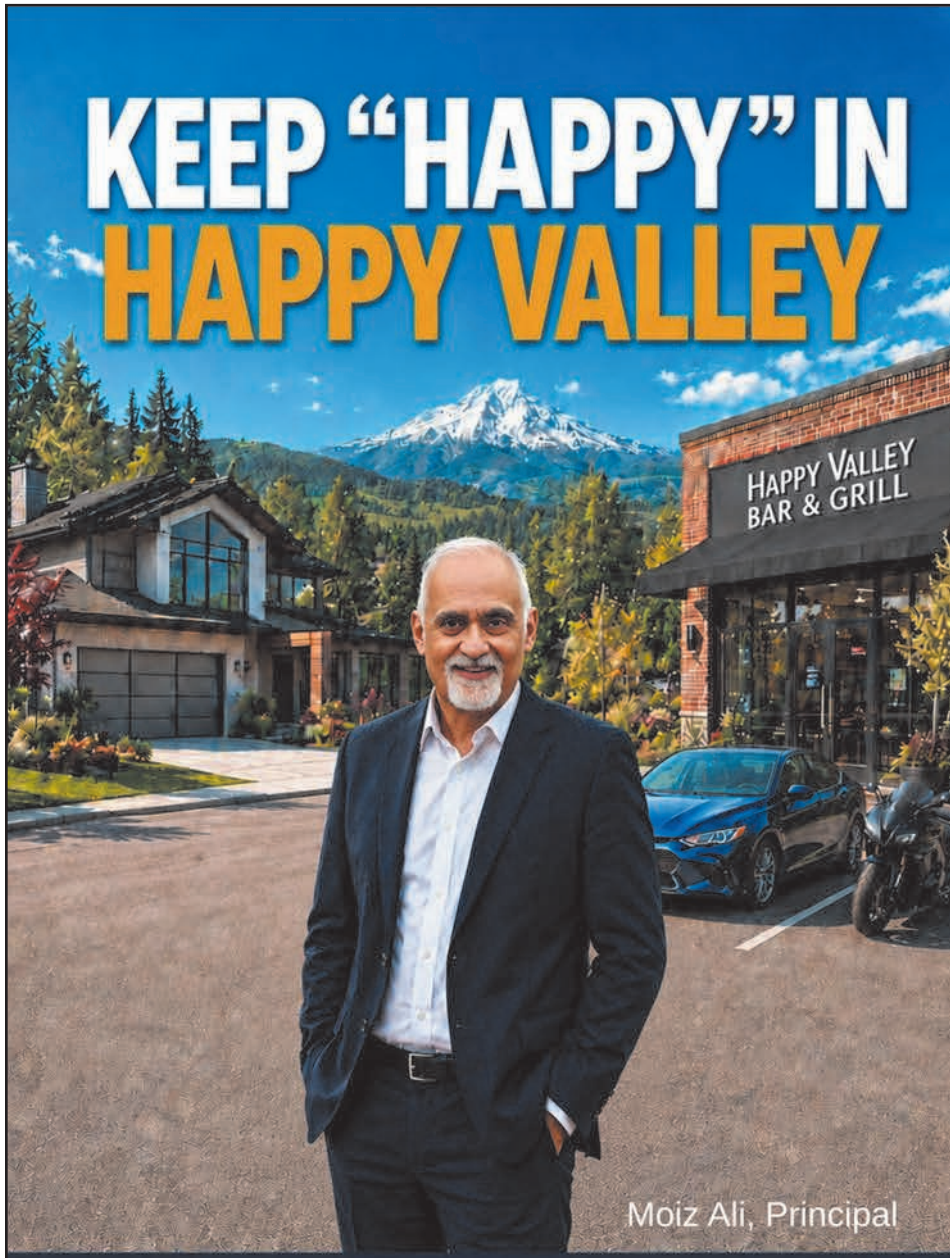
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City of Happy Valley

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

October 6

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

October 8

- Public Art Committee, Happy Valley Library: 5:30 p.m.

October 8

- Public Safety Committee, City Hall: 6 p.m.

October 13

- Planning Commission, City Hall: 6 p.m.

October 20

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

October 27

- Planning Commission, City Hall: 6 p.m.

October 28

- Design Review Board, City Hall: 6 p.m.



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CLACKAMAS FIRE

Sparked by Fire Prevention Month

Clackamas Fire urges residents to power up their devices with fire safety in mind



Clackamas Fire District

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Clackamas Fire is highlighting lithium- ion battery safety.

Many devices we use daily — phones, tablets, laptops, tools, toys, e-bikes, and scooters — run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store a lot of energy in a small space. While these batteries provide an effective, efficient power source, the risk of overheating, catching fire, and even exploding increases when they are damaged or improperly used, charged, or stored. Understanding these risks is crucial for protecting yourself and those around you.

How you charge your lithium-ion battery devices can help prevent home fires. It comes down to making smart choices every time you plug in.

■ Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards. Nationally recognized testing laboratories include UL, ETL, and CSA. Their mark on packaging indicates the product meets important safety standards.

■ Charge on a hard, flat surface, such as a table, desk, or bare floor. Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows,



Clackamas Fire is asking people to take care with their rechargeable devices to avoid battery explosions or fires.

and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.

■ Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds. These are warning signs that the battery may be damaged or failing.

■ Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in can

increase heat and stress on the battery.

■ Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging. Because these batteries are larger and store more energy, fires can grow and spread quickly if the battery fails.

■ When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the



Proper care and storage of batteries can help avoid accidental fires.

plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smokes, or smells strange. If a battery overheats or fails, the flight crew must be able to respond quickly.

■ Store batteries at room temperature, away from flammable materials. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.

■ Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit batterynetwork.org to find a recycling spot near you.

■ If a battery starts to smoke or catches fire, call 911 immediately. Tell dispatch it involves a lithium-ion battery, move away from the smoke or gases, and if possible, stay upwind. Do not attempt to pick up or move the battery.

Lithium-ion battery fires happen in seconds, but they are entirely preventable. Your proactive awareness is the ultimate line of defense. Clackamas Fire encourages everyone to take these small, daily precautions to protect your home, your tech, and your loved ones.

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9588 SOUTHEAST NICHOLAS DRIVE	5	3.5	3,410	ACT	\$875,000	7/17/2026	N/A	N/A	N/A
15137 SOUTHEAST SAINT ANDREWS COURT	4	3.5	4,520	ACT	\$998,000	8/24/2026	N/A	N/A	N/A
14700 SOUTHEAST PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE	4	2.5	4,554	SOLD	\$800,000	3/12/2026	\$730,000	6/20/2026	79
15037 SOUTHEAST SPANISH BAY DRIVE	5	3.5	5,073	SOLD	\$919,000	11/7/2025	\$880,000	4/8/2026	122
8940 SOUTHEAST SPYGLASS DRIVE	5	3	3,310	SOLD	\$929,000	5/11/2026	\$929,000	7/22/2026	53
9296 SOUTHEAST CYPRESS POINT LANE	4	4.5	4,039	SOLD	\$1,350,000	5/27/2026	\$1,383,000	7/10/2026	5

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HAPPY VALLEY BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Meet Heather Burke
from StretchLab Happy Valley
Behind the scenes of local businesses



By GREGG LEBLANC
HVBA Membership Chair

If you are like me, you have repeatedly been told to stretch before exercising. As it turns out, regular stretching offers major benefits for everyday living, too.

Heather Burke, the Lead Flexologist at StretchLab Happy Valley, loves being in a position to help people feel better in their own bodies. Heather takes immense pride in improving clients' lives through better mobility, working directly with each person to build a customized stretching program designed to increase flexibility, ease tight muscles, and support daily balance.

The welcoming studio environment is one where clients arrive excited and leave feeling significantly better. Each Flexologist on the Happy Valley team shares that exact same mission.

One does not simply step into a Lead Flexologist role straight off the street or by answering a basic help-wanted ad. Heather holds a degree in Exercise Science and spent years working as a strength and conditioning coach prior to joining StretchLab more than two years ago.

Since being promoted to Lead Flexologist, her responsibilities have expanded beyond client care. Today, she helps



Heather Burke relishes getting the opportunity to help people feel better through her job at Stretch Lab.

other Flexologists advance their knowledge in the field, creates their schedules, writes the monthly newsletter and ensures everyone has a voice within the studio.

Originally from Pueblo, Colorado, Heather spent ten years in Durango serving as the director of an outdoor adventure company before moving to Oregon in 2024.

After repeatedly visiting her best friend in the area and finding it harder to leave after every trip, she finally made the move official. Settling in nearby Clackamas, she loves being close to the coast, the mountains, and the city while still enjoying a close-knit community vibe.

When she isn't in the studio, Heather and her boyfriend love spending time outdoors hiking, camping, and enjoying the river.

Indoors, you can find her playing tennis, practicing yoga, or lifting weights.

Around town, you might bump into Heather taking in the fresh air at Happy Valley Park, grabbing a bite at Happy Valley Station, or relaxing with friends at Valley Public House and Sakura Sushi.

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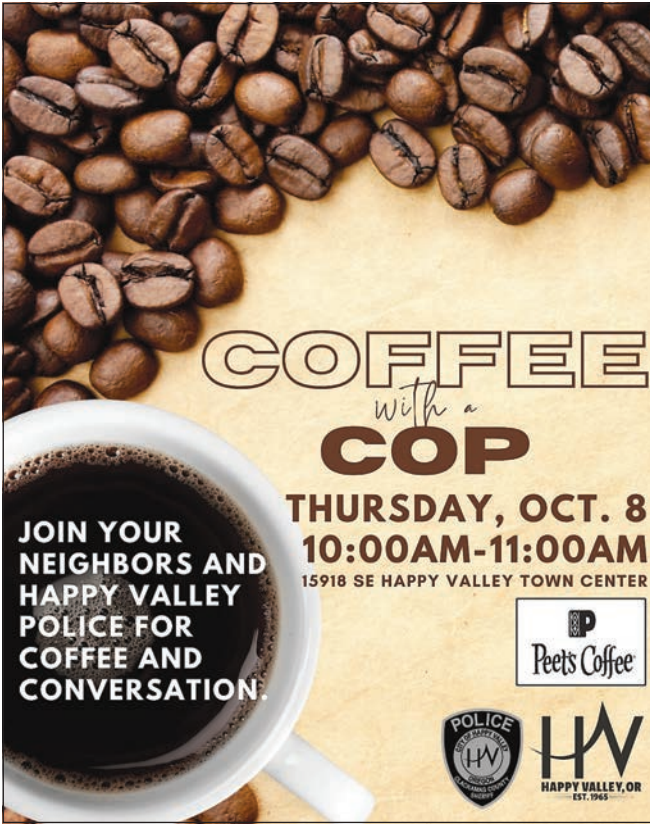
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Growth and change shape our community

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley recently celebrated three exciting additions and investments in our community with ribbon cuttings for Sport Clips, Snap Fitness and The Heights at Happy Valley.

Sport Clips Haircuts of Happy Valley

The city recently welcomed Sport Clips Haircuts of Happy Valley to the Crossroads East development at 13120 SE 172nd Ave., Suite 118. The new, locally owned and operated location specializes in men’s and boys’ haircuts and offers Sport Clips’ signature sports-themed experience.

In addition to bringing a new service to the area, Sport Clips is creating local employment opportunities for licensed stylists and barbers. The ribbon cutting was a chance to officially welcome the team and celebrate another new business investing in Happy Valley.

Snap Fitness Happy Valley

The city also celebrated a major remodel and expansion at Snap Fitness Happy Valley (Sunnyside), located at

14800 SE Sunnyside Rd., Suite B. The 24-hour fitness center invested well over \$1 million in the remodel and expansion, bringing new equipment and an enhanced fitness and wellness experience to its members.

A highlight of the improvements is the new Recovery Lounge, which features infrared saunas, massage chairs, compression therapy and dedicated stretching and recovery areas. The investment is an exciting example of an established Happy Valley business continuing to grow and reinvest in the community.

The Heights at Happy Valley

The city also celebrated the opening of The Heights at Happy Valley, a new apartment community located at 17134 SE Rock Creek Blvd., near Adrienne C. Nelson High School.

The community offers one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, along with live-work units and a variety of amenities, including a pool and spa, fitness center, pickleball and sports courts, dog park, playground and coworking spaces.



Snap Fitness Happy Valley celebrates its newly remodeled facility and expanded Recovery Lounge.

These recent ribbon cuttings highlight the continued growth and investment happening throughout Happy Valley. From new businesses and housing to major improvements at established businesses, we’re excited to celebrate those investing in our community.



ABOVE: Snap Fitness recently celebrated a remodel and expansion. One of the new features is the Recovery Lounge, which features saunas and massage chairs.

LEFT: City leaders and community partners celebrate the opening of Sport Clips Haircuts of Happy Valley with a ribbon cutting at its new Crossroads East location.

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HAPPY VALLEY BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

Community celebrates new businesses

HVBA members show support for Housing Authority

By GREGG LEBLANC
HVBA VP &
Membership Chair

Fall is here. For some businesses, it means changing what they offer customers, whether that is updating the menu or filling the shelves to reflect the pumpkin craze. Although, truth be told, I am more partial to maple.

Regardless of whether you are team pumpkin or team maple, I encourage you to get out and support our local Happy Valley businesses as they enter the fourth quarter of the year and work hard to close out the year strong. Here are a few happenings within our community.

Ribbon Cuttings

Late last month, we celebrated a ribbon cutting for **The Heights at Happy Valley** apartments on Southeast Rock Creek Blvd. On Oct. 1, we will cut the ribbon at **Priority-Pet Urgent Care** in the Sunnyside Village plaza during a joint celebration with the **North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce**. Stay tuned for a November ribbon-cutting for **Waxing the City**, which will be opening in the Clackamas Town Center.

Rumors & Musings

Pita and Blends, located at the Crossroads Plaza on Southeast 172nd, celebrated six months in business with a fun event last month featuring



Fadi Arnaout shares his book, "The Power of His Bread: True Life Story of Fadi Arnaout."

prize giveaways. Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with Fadi from **Mediterranean Grill**, who shared the background behind his book, *The Power of His Bread: True Life Story of Fadi Arnaout*. Last month, I was fortunate enough to emcee the fifth annual **Ales for ALS** Fundraiser and Carnival at **Valley Public House**, which benefited the ALS Therapy Development

Institute. Thanks to everyone who came by to support this worthwhile cause.

Kudos

During the most recent HVBA Member Meeting, shout-outs were offered to a number of businesses that supported the **Clackamas Housing Authority** Backpack Program: **Embold Credit Union**, **Root Mortgage**, **StretchLab Happy Valley**, **RE/MAX**



Ales for ALS held a fund raiser and carnival recently at Valley Public House in Happy Valley.

Equity Group, **iQ Credit Union**, the **HV Library**, and the **HVBA Board**. Kudos continued for the **HV News**, Kerry Nelson with **CarePatrol of Portland**, Nathan Spear at **Spearworks Ai**, DJ Williams with **Ruzzo's Retreat**, Lauri DeLac-zay at **College In View Consulting**, and the **Happy Valley City Staff** for the countless hours they spent working community concerts. Those who served as mentors for the **Youth Entrepreneur Program** were also recognized.

Connections

The primary goal of the **Happy Valley Business Alliance** (HVBA) remains connecting Happy Valley business owners

and bringing attention to their enterprises. We do this through our Member Meetings and Networking Socials each month. During October, we will gather at **SnapFitness** for the Networking Social on Oct. 14, and our Member Meeting on Oct. 28 will feature a keynote presentation from **Goodwill Industries**.

How can the Happy Valley Business Alliance best serve our community?

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Coordinate transportation - losing independence can be a significant challenge for seniors. Provide them peace of mind by arranging

transportation for outings, medical appointments or family gatherings.

Stay in touch - Help your loved one feel connected with frequent visits and/or phone calls. Isolation can lead to feelings of sadness and depression. Reassure them that they're not forgotten. Along with regular visit, surprise drop-ins are wonderful way to lift their spirits.

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Fall brings plenty of fun

Local events, outdoor adventures and Halloween celebrations offer something for everyone this season

By EMMA DAVIS
Happy Valley News

There's something about fall in Happy Valley that makes it hard not to get into the spirit of the season. As the leaves begin to change and Halloween creeps closer, the community comes alive with plenty of ways to make the most of autumn.

Whether you're looking to pick out the perfect pumpkin, break out your best costume or simply spend a crisp fall day with family and friends, there's no shortage of seasonal fun close to home. From longtime traditions to Halloween happenings, here are a few ways to celebrate fall in and around Happy Valley this year.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Market

Costumes, candy and plenty of local shopping come together at the Happy Valley Farmers Market's Halloween Market on Saturday, Oct. 31. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., families are invited to dress up and trick-or-treat their way through more than 150 local vendors at the market, located at 13231 SE Sunnyside Road.

The seasonal market offers plenty to keep visitors entertained between stops for treats and shopping. Families can enjoy games and activities, balloon twisting, face painting and live music throughout the day, along with plenty of Halloween treats. Shoppers can also browse fresh food and locally made goods from the market's vendors, making it an easy way to celebrate Halloween while



ABOVE: Visit the Happy Valley Halloween House for a spectacle of spooky sights.

RIGHT: The Happy Valley Farmers Market is a great place to get fall produce. On Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., families are invited to dress up and trick-or-treat their way through more than 150 local vendors at the market, located at 13231 SE Sunnyside Road.



of the season for a family-friendly Halloween celebration close to home.

Happy Valley Halloween House
Join the fun and visit the

Happy Valley Halloween House for a spectacle of spooky sights. Each Halloween season, the Stoecklin family brings the spooky spirit to life while keeping

it family-friendly with their incredible transformation of the Happy Valley Halloween House. Molly and Curtis Stoecklin, the brilliant minds behind The Pirates of Spanish Bay event, turn their home into a pirate ship like no other. With live-firing smoke cannons, animated skeleton pirates, and brand-new scenes added every year, their home becomes the Grand Ship Ferdinand, a swash-buckling spectacle that brings in community members of all ages.

The Happy Valley Halloween House is free and open to all, with socially distanced candy delivery and refreshments for adults. Pets are welcome, and the event is fully accessible for all abilities.

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Celebrate Oktoberfest

Break out the lederhosen and welcome fall at Happy Valley's annual Oktoberfest at Happy Valley Park. The yearly celebration runs from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and brings a taste of Bavarian tradition to the community with live music, food

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and drinks, local vendors and activities for all ages. Families can explore the pumpkin patch, take a wagon ride, visit the petting zoo or try their hand at pumpkin painting, while the crowd-favorite wiener dog races return for another year. The festivities also include stein-hoisting and eating contests, artisan vendors and plenty of opportunities to enjoy a crisp fall day with friends and neighbors.

Go outside!

Autumn is an excellent time to enjoy the colorful fall colors at local parks like Mount Talbert Nature Park and Happy Valley Park. The brisk Fall air and spectacular surroundings create an excellent atmosphere for a calm Fall walk, letting you fully enjoy the season's beauty. Whether you want a peaceful stroll or to take in the surroundings, these parks offer the perfect place to embrace the spirit of fall.

Monster Mash at Happy Valley Library

Get those costumes ready for a spooky celebration at the Happy Valley Library's annual Monster Mash. Taking place Wednesday, Oct. 28, this family-friendly event gives kids and their grown-ups a chance to get into the Halloween spirit just a few days before the big night. Come dressed in your Halloween best and join fellow families from around the community from 3 to 5 p.m. for festive fun at the library.

Plants, pollinators and wildlife! Oh my!

Backyard Habitat Certification Program celebrates 20 years

By JON DYER
Happy Valley News

“For me, the immediate reward is getting to know and better appreciate our native plants and seeing more pollinators, birds, and other wildlife in the yard,” said Carrie Benzschawel about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. “This feels like one small, positive, manageable way to do some good by the earth.” The program, started in 2006, is a partnership between Columbia Land Trust and Bird Alliance of Oregon, which have cared for the program since 2009.

“We are now celebrating our 20th year, and have over 15,000 participants across the four-county metro area (Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Clark counties),” said Kate Kauffman, Backyard Habitat Certification Program Technician supervisor. “In 2017 we expanded into Clackamas County, where over 2000 participants are currently active in our program,” described Kauffman.

The program initially started as a pilot project in west Portland, when “neighbors of a popular natural area were interested in building collective energy around expanding wildlife habitat and planting native plants in yards near this natural area to help expand wildlife corridors and habitat,” explained Kauffman.

The program, according to its website, provides technical assistance, resources, incentives, and recognition to urban and suburban residents who want to restore native wildlife habitat, manage stormwater, and garden sustainably in their



Carrie Benzschawel and Eric Seyfried stand in their backyard, amongst native plants and vegetation. They are participants in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, a local partnership that provides guidance and resources for gardeners and homeowners to turn their green space into a native friendly environment.



Eric Seyfried removes invasive plants from his backyard, eager to replace it with native vegetation. He is participating in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, a local partnership that provides guidance and resources for gardeners and homeowners to turn their green space into a native friendly environment.

yards and community spaces. Locally, the program is having an immediate impact.

“Water Environment Services is a champion and we help Happy Valley residents enact stormwater management and wildlife-friendly actions in your city and surrounding area, where over 70 participants are engaged,” said Kauffman.

“I’m a big plant nerd. I have a lot of plants from all over the world, so it is a melding of our garden nerdiness,” laughed Eric Seyfried, Benzschawel’s partner and fellow gardener. “She has convinced me that it’s really good for the native animals to have a lot of native species. Also, native plants are adapted to grow here, so they are cool with the wet winters and really dry summers, and so they are less resource-intensive too (which means) less time watering and time spent making them look great. I think it is a really good visual solution, cost solution, and it’s also really good



Carrie Benzschawel prepares the ground for a native species for her garden. She is participating in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, a local partnership that provides guidance and resources for gardeners and homeowners to turn their green space into a native friendly environment.

for the local animals,” Seyfried explained.

According to the program information, when someone enrolls, a habitat technician provides an in-person site visit. The technician can provide site-specific recommendations on native plants for the yard’s conditions, identify native

and introduced plants that need removal, discuss wildlife stewardship and stormwater management options for the site, and suggest ways to reduce pesticide use. Certification levels are available for those interested in pursuing them, but the program is designed for gardeners to move at their own pace and achieve their own level.

In the end, it is about doing something for the environment, and the joy it brings. “Gardeners all know the process of falling in love with plants, and it’s really fun to focus on these native plants and get to know them,” said Benzschawel.

“I am going to enjoy watching it, season after season, mature and I’m looking forward to that, and all the animals it will bring to the yard,” agreed Seyfried.

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Community Service Officers enforce the Happy Valley Municipal Code, including the City’s e-bike regulations, illegal fireworks restrictions, backyard-burning rules, parking regulations, and nuisance codes involving concerns such as garbage accumulation and abandoned vehicles. They also investigate illegally operated home businesses and work closely with Happy Valley Police, including assisting at traffic crashes and other roadway incidents.

The team manages the Apartment Safety Neighborhood Initiative, which works with high-density apartment communities to improve safety and reduce repeated calls for police service. Officers also coordinate with homeless-service providers to help connect people with appropriate assistance and resources.

As trained mediators, Community Service Officers can help residents

resolve neighborhood disputes and identify solutions that work for everyone involved. Whenever possible, they educate people about City requirements and provide an opportunity to correct violations before additional enforcement becomes necessary.

Animal-related calls are another important part of their work. Officers enforce dog regulations, respond to dogs running at large and barking complaints, and oversee dog-licensing enforcement to help ensure dogs have received required vaccinations. They also respond to many other animal concerns. One officer once rescued an injured owl, while officers working on the east side of Happy Valley frequently find themselves wrangling livestock, including horses, cows, sheep, and goats.

During the winter, Community Service Officers are part of the City’s winter response team. They work alongside Public Works to close unsafe roads, remove abandoned vehicles that interfere with road-clearing operations, and assist residents experiencing winter-related emergencies. They are also members of the City’s emergency management team and may be called upon during natural disasters, human-caused emergencies, or other significant incidents.

Each officer brings specialized skills that strengthen the entire team. These include a certified City drone operator, a certified arborist who can assess dangerous or hazardous trees, and a commercially licensed driver who can transport the City’s mobile incident command vehicle to emergencies and



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large-scale events. All officers are certified in first aid and CPR, and one team member is also a first aid and CPR instructor.

Residents will also see Community Service Officers providing public safety support at City parks and community events. They enforce park rules, promote safety at the skate park, and help ensure events operate safely. Residents can find them at the Fourth of July celebration, summer concerts, Oktoberfest, and occasionally at school events. Most recently, the team visited Happy Valley schools during back-to-school nights to speak with students and families about the City’s new e-bike regulations.

The official title may be Community Service Officer, but these professionals are much more than code enforcement officers. They are problem-solvers, mediators, emergency responders, educators, and public safety partners. Their work helps protect property values, preserve neighborhood livability, and maintain the quality of life that Happy Valley residents and business owners expect.

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By JONATHAN DYER
For the Happy Valley News

“I guess I was destined to become an aviator and a soldier,” declared Vietnam War, Desert Shield, and Iraqi Freedom veteran Alvin Jung, from his home at The Springs at Sunnyside. “My father always wanted to fly, but he was never able to finish his aviator dream. He kind of passed that on to me, and I was named after his best friend Alvin, who was shot down over London in World War II. And my middle name, Elder, was after my mother’s brother, who was killed in D-Day.”

Retiring in 2008 after 40 years of military service as a helicopter pilot in the Army, Jung speaks of life in the military with a sharp eye, a sharper wit, and clear pride.

Born in Mitchell, South Dakota, Jung said, “We wisened up and moved to Oregon when I was five.”

His father, a laborer, moved the family to Oregon looking for work. Alvin attended Benson High School in Portland. There, he fell in love with aviation.

“I was in the aviation department, and had an instructor who had his pilot’s license.” As a point of reference, Jung said. “My instructor actually met Orville and Wilbur Wright!

“I knew from a very early age I wanted to fly. I had a love of aviation, and started flying Cessnas (small planes) when I was 16 or 17 out at Troutdale.”

He started college, but was quickly called in for a physical. To avoid being drafted, he reached out to recruiters, joined the Army and passed the

tests for aviation training. “So, that worked out for me,” he smiled.

Jung entered basic training in 1968 and was on the plane to Vietnam in February, 1969, where he joined his unit, 16C Helicopter Company, the UH-1 “Huey,” call sign Hornet 22.

“Our mission? To take troops to find trouble, get them into trouble, or get them out of trouble,” he mused.

At six months, he was selected to become a flight instructor, and he spent two weeks off the line learning emergency procedures. When he returned to his unit, he flew with pilots to evaluate them for promotion to ship commander.

“Basically, platoon leaders would come to me and they would say, we think this guy is ready to become an aircraft commander and I would go fly with them and ask questions, pull circuit breakers, and turn hydraulics off and see what they would do.”

Exactly a year and a day after arriving, Jung’s service in Vietnam ended. He returned to the United States and was stationed at 100 Army Air Field in Savannah, Georgia, as a flight instructor to Vietnamese pilots, preparing them to head back to Vietnam.

After leaving the Army, Jung immediately started flying for Reforestation Services, a helicopter company that sprayed over powerlines and train tracks to sterilize soil and prevent overgrowth. He was quickly promoted to Chief Pilot.

“It was kind of sad. A few months after I was hired, the chief pilot quit. Within days of starting to train, my instructor got caught up in wires and

was killed,” he remembered. A third pilot got into an accident and quit soon afterward.

“I was the last pilot left. Automatic promotion,” Jung said.

He flew missions all over the western states, but soon the life in uniform called him back.

“I got married, and all the traveling wasn’t going to work. So, I quit the company, and joined a medevac unit (336 Medical Detachment) out of Upstate New York.”

There, he started a family, having three children, and flying full time for the Army Reserve. When his unit was called to deploy to Desert Storm/Desert Shield in 1992, he sent his wife and kids back to Oregon, where she had family.

“I told Margaret (wife) to move back to Oregon, from New York. If she was going to get bad news, I didn’t want her to be by herself,” he remembered. “By herself, she took the family and drove 3,000 miles back to Oregon.”

A year after returning from the Gulf War, Jung followed his family back to Oregon in 1997. He took a job with Cisco as a safety officer, but his passion for flying kept calling.

“I joined the Oregon National Guard medevac, stationed out of Salem, Oregon,” he continued, and immediately fell in love with the unit. “It was a really great operation. Very disciplined, and a whole different culture rooted in accountability.”

During his time in Salem, he deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and was stationed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

“I had an instructor role while I was there. Nobody tried to shoot me down. We only



Alvin Jung, a Vietnam and Gulf War veteran with 40 years of military service, poses in front of his medevac helicopter. As a pilot, Chief Warrant Officer 5 (ret.) Jung says he fulfilled his destiny by serving in combat and countless rescue missions in his years of service to the state of Oregon and the nation.

knew when they were shooting at us because the patriot missiles would launch knocking their missiles out of the air,” he remembered.

One moment stands out in Jung’s memory, as it does in the memories of all Oregonians at the time. Along with an Air Force unit, Jung was deployed to Mount Hood in 2002 to assist in the rescue of dead and injured hikers. He said they had just rescued one hiker, and they were sitting on the tarmac, getting ready to go up to pick up another injured climber. He spoke to an Air Force pilot in his helicopter, ready to join the rescue, and mentioned how windy it was.

“I told him, your Blackhawks are heavier than ours, and we were at max power at 10 thousand feet. The Air Force pilot says, I’ll go dump some fuel to drop weight,” Jung described.

They went up, picked up the second injured hiker, and were on their way to Emmanuel Hospital in Portland when they heard the Black Hawk had

crashed.

“The pilot was a young guy. He lost tail rotor effectiveness. All us old guys from Vietnam have lost tail rotor effectiveness so we know how to handle it. He literally ended up rolling down the hill,” remembered Jung.

Jung stopped flying when he retired at 60 after 40 years of service.

“I miss it a lot. It has hit me this past year or so more than ever. It is the longest I have ever gone without flying. Started out when I was 16 — I’d drive out to Troutdale and get in a Cessna and go out there and putz around,” he mused.

“But it was the right decision. The mind and body have slowed down,” he declared.

Looking back, he has lived a life of few regrets. Fulfilling his destiny, his father’s passion, serving his country, and flying. Always flying.

“I’m glad I did it, because flying helicopters was what I ended up doing, and I really enjoyed that.”

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EXCURSIONS

Field Trip Fridays

All field trips will depart from Happy Valley City Hall.
NOTE: Please only sign up for 1 field trip during the first week registration is open. After Sept. 7th you may sign up for more field trips that have open spots."



Fraga Farmstead Creamery & Apolloni Vineyards

- Oct. 9: Friday; 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Ages 21+; \$60 –resident / \$90– non-resident



Haunted Shanghai Tunnel Tour

- Oct. 23: Friday; 4:45 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.; Ages 21+; \$55– resident / \$82.50– non-resident



Night of the Golden Flower – Chrysanthemum Festival

- Nov. 6: Friday; 3:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.; Ages 18+; \$48–resident / \$72–non-resident

Brew Lights at Oregon Zoo

- Nov. 13: Friday; 3:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Ages 21+
- Includes Tastings: \$89–resident / \$133.50–non-resident
- Without Tastings: \$58–resident / \$87 – non-resident"



Guided outdoor adventures

See registration page for meet up location.



Fall Foliage Kayak Tour

- Oct. 3: Saturday; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Ages 6+; \$85

Upcoming Excursions

All trips will depart from Happy Valley City Hall



A Day Trip to the Oregon Coast

- Oct. 14: Wednesday; 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Ages 18+; \$35

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Yoga Classes

Location: Happy Valley Library

Chair Yoga Series

- Oct. 1 – Dec. 10: Thursday; 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Ages 18+; \$40; (NO class Oct. 22, Oct. 29, and Nov. 26)

Hatha Yoga Series

- Nov. 10 – Dec. 15: Tuesday; 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Ages 18+;\$30

Babysitter Training Course

Location: Happy Valley City Hall

Babysitter Training

- Oct. 9: Friday; 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Ages 10–16; \$50–resident / \$75–non-resident

First Aid / CPR / AED Training

Location: Happy Valley City Hall



Providence's Basecamp Prevention+ Wellness

Classes are held virtually.



SPORTS

Skyhawks Sports Camps

Location: Pleasant Valley Villages Park



HoopsterTots

- Oct. 24 – Nov. 21: Saturdays;
- Grasshoppers: 9 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.; (Ages 2-3.5); \$89
- Froggies: 9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; (ages 3.5-4.5); \$89
- Kangaroos: 10:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.; (ages 4.5-5); \$89



Soccer Shots Clinics

Location: Happy Valley Park



Soccer-Mini

- Sept. 12 – Oct. 31: Saturdays; 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; Ages 2-3; \$180
- Sept. 14 – Nov. 9: Mondays; 3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.; Ages 2-3; \$202

Soccer-Classic

- Sept. 12 – Nov. 14: Saturdays; 3:55 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Ages 3-4; \$235
- Sept. 14 – Nov. 9: Mondays; 4:10 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.; Ages 3-4; \$211
- Sept. 12 – Nov. 14: Saturdays; 3 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.; Ages 4-5; \$235
- Sept. 14 – Nov. 2: Mondays; 4:55 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.; Ages 4-5; \$188



Soccer-Premier

- Sept. 12 – Nov. 14: Saturdays; 2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.; Ages 5-7; \$245
- Sept. 14 – Nov. 2: Mondays; 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Ages 5-7; \$196

Kidokinetics

Please check listing for class locations.



Veteran's Day Intro to Racquet Minicamp

- Nov. 11: Wednesday; 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.; Ages 5-8; \$45

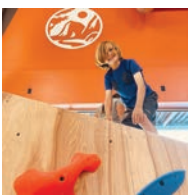
Rock Haven Climbing Gym

Location: Rock Haven Bouldering Gym



Kids' Bouldering Class

- Oct. 28 – Nov. 18: Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.; Ages 7-12; \$67–resident / \$80 – non-resident



Adult Bouldering Class

- Oct. 1: Thursday; 5:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.; Ages 16+; \$49–resident / \$60–non-resident
- Nov. 5: \$49–resident / \$60 – non-resident

ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES



Gardening Classes

Location: Happy Valley Library

Fall and Winter Container Gardens

- Oct. 15: Thursday; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; All Ages; Free

Lawn Be Gone

- Nov. 5: Thursday; 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; All Ages; Free

Astronomy Classes

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex



Astronomy I: The Planets

- Sept. 21 – Nov. 9: Monday; 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Ages 18+; \$110



Healthy U Nutrition

Location: Happy Valley Library



Nutrition Labels Decoded

- Nov. 10: Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Ages 18+; Free

Journey to STEAM

Location: Happy Valley Library



Super Mario Game Makers: Coding & Design

- Sept. 15 – Nov. 3: Tuesday; 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; Grades 2-5; \$299; VIP Full Year Membership: \$240

Event Locations

Cup of Tea
10117 SE Sunnyside Rd. Suite J
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Happy Valley City Hall
16000 SE Misty Dr.
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Happy Valley Elementary School
13865 SE King Rd A,
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Happy Valley Library
13793 SE Sieben Park Way
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Happy Valley Park
13770 SE Ridgcrest Rd
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex
12915 SE King Rd.
Happy Valley, OR 97086

New Seasons Market
15861 SE Happy Valley Town Center Dr.
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Pleasant Valley Villages Park
12254 SE Falling Rain Wy.
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Rock Haven Bouldering Gym
355 NE 223rd Ave.
Gresham, OR 97030

Scouter's Mountain Elementary School
10811 SE 172nd Ave,
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Spring Mountain Elementary School
11645 SE Masa Ln,
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Sunnyside Grange
13130 SE Sunnyside Rd
Happy Valley, OR 97086

The Clayhouse Potters Workshop
19860 SE Borges Road
Damascus, OR 97222

The Springs at Happy Valley
13160 SE 172nd Ave.
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Valley View Church Gymnasium
11501 SE Sunnyside Rd.
Clackamas, OR 97015

Venivno Art Studios
13329 SE Misty Drive.
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Village Green Park
13745 SE Sieben Pkwy
Happy Valley, OR 97086

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Tree Lighting

December 6th, 2026
4pm–6pm
Happy Valley City Hall



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OCTOBER 2026 LIBRARY EVENTS

Library Hours: The library is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Visit go.lincc.org/hv for additional information.

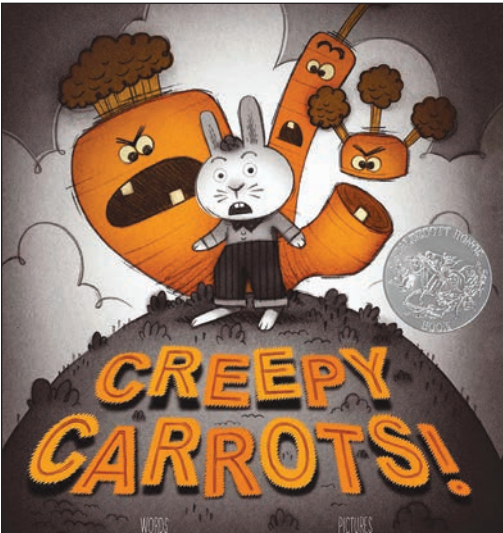
NEW Writing Group

When Sandra Miller retired as a physician, she returned to her favorite subject – creative writing. That sparked a new career as an author, with her first book published when she was 67. After moving to Happy Valley, she looked for a way to share her passion and approached the Library with an idea for a monthly writing group. “I want people to get comfortable with writing and expressing themselves at different levels of emotion and imagination,” says Sandra. “Nothing is off limits: humor, adventure, suspense, fear...you name it.” Interested writers can explore a

different type of writing, such as fiction, memoirs, or poetry, at each session. The group will practice several forms as they explore what fits their style. “I think of it as creative experimentation,” says Sandra, hoping people will share their words if they wish. “No writer works alone in the end, and we can learn from one another in a kind and supportive way.” Writers looking for a fun and collaborative group are invited to join “The Write Stuff” on the first Sunday of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. Find out more and RSVP at go.lincc.org/hvRSVP.



Get your creativity flowing with the monthly writing group at the library, The Write Stuff.



Enjoy a creepy, silly story with this month's Storywalk, *Creepy Carrots*.

STORYWALK: Creepy Carrots!

Each month you can enjoy a story along the path in Happy Valley Park. Walk along and read the story *Creepy Carrots!* by Aaron Reynolds starting at the All Abilities playground now through the end of the month. This project is made possible through the support of the State Library of Oregon and Friends of Happy Valley Library.

Bluebird, the Language Learning App

Learn 163 languages with Bluebird, the largest audio language library in the world. From the makers of Pronunciator, the Bluebird app features 12 million pre-recorded lessons, personalized courses that match your personal interests and occupation, quizzes, daily lessons and more! Available for both Apple and Android devices. Log in with your LINCC library card; home library must be Happy Valley for access. Visit go.lincc.org/hvbluebird for details and access.



Goodwill Classes at the Library!

Thanks to a partnership with Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette, the Happy Valley Library is offering computer classes for free Thursdays at 1 p.m. From computer basics to Google Drive, 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 1 at 1 p.m. October 8 at 1 p.m.
 Gmail Google Drive



Brush up on your computer know-how with help from Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette.

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, Oct. 3 & Nov. 7, 10:15-11:45 a.m.
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 a.m.
Advanced: Mondays, 1 p.m.
NEW! Beginner: Mondays, 4 p.m.

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

NEW! Bridge

Fridays, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Community Room A

Those who play Bridge are invited to join our fun and friendly group! In “Party” Bridge no partners are needed, but some knowledge of the game is important.

Mah Jongg

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

How to: Gmail

Thursday, Oct. 1, 1-2 p.m.
Community Room A

Learn how to set up, access and use Gmail (Google Email). Choose an email address, create a secure password, and explore other security features. Learn how to write and send an email. *RSVP available.*

NEW! The Write Stuff

Sunday, Oct. 4, 1-2:30 p.m.
Community Room A

Get that inner storyteller or poet out of your head and onto paper. Share and unleash what you have to say in a friendly, low-key group of fellow writers of all levels. *RSVP available.*

How to: Google Drive

Thursday, Oct. 8, 1-2 p.m.
Community Room B

Learn how to access a Google Drive account and get started with uploading, creating, interfacing, searching and storing files. *RSVP available.*



NEW TIME! Crochet Club

Sunday, Oct. 18, 4-5 p.m.
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.*

Genealogy Club

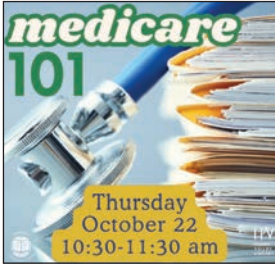
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1-3 p.m.
Community Room A

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

Medicare 101

Thursday, Oct. 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Community Room A

Are you already on Medicare? Are you new to Medicare? Certified SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) Volunteer Counselors will be available to assist with Medicare questions you might have before Open Enrollment. Learn what's new in Medicare for 2027, compare Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans or learn about enrollment in a plan if you do not already have one. *RSVP available.*



Puzzle Exchange

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2-4 p.m.
Community Room A

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!

Portland Opera presents: La Traviata

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 4-5 p.m.
Community Room A

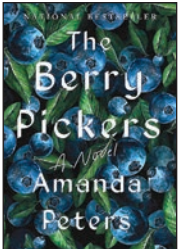
Enjoy a preview of Portland Opera's upcoming featured performance. Gracefully framed by some of the most memorable melodies ever written, this tragic love story considers what it means to live your own truth.



Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, Nov. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.
Community Room B

Read *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters 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

Storytimes Return October 6!

To see our full listing of storytimes and playtimes for ages birth to 5, visit our website or go.lincc.org/hvbirthto5.



Stretch, Dance, & Play

Thursday, Oct. 1, 10:15-11 a.m.
Community Room A

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

Sign & Sing

Friday, Oct. 9, 10:15-11 a.m.
Community Room B

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

Craft Time with Kenny

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2-3:30 p.m.

Join Kenny to learn about and integrate the creativity of various cultures into our daily lives through crafts. This month's craft is: Pipe Cleaner cute animal

欢迎在每个月的第二个星期六，跟着Kenny一起，透过不同文化的手工，了解并将各种文化的创意融入日常，让我们透过手工，让生活更加地欢乐、充实、美好。本月的手工主题是：扭扭棒可爱动物

Homeschool Club: Meet Up!

Thursday, Oct. 15, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Community Room A

For K-5th graders and their families. Drop in for a morning of fun with crafts and games.

On the Move

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Community Room A

For ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Join Maria Fe Picar for a special story, songs and games that encourage creative movement.

Monster Mash

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 3:30-5 p.m.
Community Room A

Drop by the library in your costume for some trick-or-treat fun! Decorate a treat bag and snap a picture at our photo booth in the Community Room.



Tweens & Teens

For teens in grades 6-12.

Manga & Anime Club

Saturday, Oct. 17, 3-4 p.m.
Community Room A

Hang out with fellow manga and anime fans! Chat about favorites, do crafts, eat snacks, and play games.





ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clackamas High School



Abraham Bolanos Dominguez Senior Varsity Boys Soccer

Abraham is having a great start to the year, scoring 4 goals and adding 2 assists in our first 3 games of the season, including a big upset over Lake Oswego. His precision in front of goal and overall leadership has helped take Clackamas to a 2-0-1 start. Abraham has overcome a lot and works extremely hard to be where he is today. Keep up the great work AB!

Congrats Abraham! Go Cavs!

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Alex Chavarin-Chavez Senior Varsity Girls Soccer

Alex came back this season as the most improved player for. She attended every off season and preseason training with a great attitude and commitment to continually developing her game. Her drive to work hard and be a positive member and role model on the team is a stellar example for the younger players around her, and we are thrilled to honor her with this recognition.

Congrats Alex! Go Cavs!

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Noah Martin Junior Varsity Football

Noah started week one at WR & LB and was a difference maker on both sides of the ball. He was asked to step up as our starting QB in week two with big shoes to fill. He not only was cool, calm and collected throughout the whole game but he led our team to a decisive victory over McMinnville 35-7!

Congrats Noah! Go Cavs!

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Alex Nord Sophomore Varsity Girls Cross Country

Alex was the top CHS female finisher at the Oregon City Invitational this last weekend. Despite the team being in the early part of the season, Alex ran a 5k PR of 20:19 and is poised to break the 20:00 barrier this season. She is an incredible teammate and leads with enthusiasm and positivity.

Congrats Alex! Go Cavs!

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Adrienne C. Nelson HS



Braylon Gaines Senior Varsity Football

Braylon completed 15 of 21 passes for 265 yards and 5 TD's in a 38-0 victory over Jesuit.

Congrats Braylon! Go Hawks!

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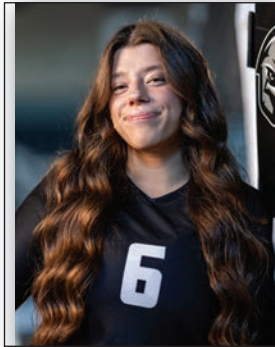


Madden Onchi Senior Varsity Girls Soccer

Madden was voted by her teammates to be a captain; she leads by example as a starter who has played every minute of every game. She leads the team in the midfield with tenacious and technical play. After being down 2-0 to a tough Beaverton team, Madden helped our team finally find the back of the net with a beautiful banger! We went on to win 3-2!

Congrats Madden! Go Hawks!

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Cara Bennett Senior Varsity Volleyball

Senior captain Cara Bennett has led the Varsity Girls Hawks to a 2-0 league record, recording more than 35 assists, seven aces, and five kills. Her competitiveness, team-first mindset, and all-out style of play have helped lead the Hawks to a great start in league play.

Way to go, Cara! Go Hawks!

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Luke Harris Junior Cross Country

Luke had a fantastic race at the MHC/ NWOC Joint Preview, finishing his 5k in a time of 16:55, on a very hot afternoon. He was 1st overall out of 97 Varsity athletes.

Congrats Luke! Go Hawks!

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