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RAISE YOUR STEINS! A toast to Oktoberfest fun!

Popular festival
returns Oct. 5 to
Happy Valley Park



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Brought to you by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, Oktoberfest is the perfect excuse to don your best lederhosen and party with neighbors, friends, and local businesses. Rain or shine, Oktoberfest promises a day of fall-tastic fun.

FREE fun for the whole family

Kicking off at 11 a.m., the kiddos can grab a free pumpkin from the pumpkin patch (thanks to Embold Credit Union), meet some farm animals at the petting zoo, and hop on the autumn-themed City wagon for a ride. There will also be pumpkin decorating and games to keep kids and teens entertained.

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Fun for the whole family, Happy Valley's Oktoberfest brings food, activities, and community together. Here, the crowd takes part in the Chicken Dance, a popular event at the festival.

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Pick a pumpkin at Liepold Farms!

Fall Fun in Happy Valley

Enjoy all things that Happy Valley has to offer this Autumn season

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

1. Oktoberfest at Happy Valley Park

Mark your calendars for Oct. 5, when Happy Valley Park will transform into a lively Oktoberfest celebration from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.! Whether sunny or rainy, the event will go on under a large tent, ensuring you can enjoy the festivities no matter the weather. This year's Oktoberfest brings an authentic German experience with delicious food, drinks, and live music. The day will also feature a variety of local vendors and community booths, plus family-friendly activities like wagon rides, a chicken dance contest, Weiner dog races, pie eating contests, and a Paulaner Stein hoist competition (21 and up only). Food and drink vendors include Steam-Werkz, Chop Spot Chicken Sundaes, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Thai Express, Rosa's Churros, and Kona Shaved Ice. So, grab your loved ones, wear your Lederhosen, and get ready to celebrate the season in style.

2. Halloween Trick-or-Treat Market

Prepare for a spooky good time at the Halloween Trick-or-Treat Market, marking the

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Mark your calendars and get ready for a day of fun at Happy Valley's Oktoberfest!

A taste of Turkish cuisine

Portland Halfmoons Bakery brings Turkish cuisine to Happy Valley

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Having been in business for more than a year and only as a booth at the Happy Valley Farmer's Market, Portland Halfmoons Bakery, a small Turkish cuisine business in Happy Valley, has quickly become a local favorite. Owned and operated by Ayten Cavadli and her husband, the bakery specializes in various Turkish dishes, from savory appetizers to decadent desserts. Cavadli's mission is simple: to introduce the unique flavors of Turkish cuisine to the community and make people happy through her food.



Portland Halfmoons also does appetizers, including this onion potato tartlet.



"People need delicious tastes that will make them feel happy," she says. "I love putting a smile on people's faces, and everyone who eats our food enjoys it." Since debuting at the Sunnyside Farmers Market, Portland Halfmoons has drawn a loyal following, with customers raving about the bakery's standout items like crispy cheese rolls, spanakopita,

and the ever-popular baklava cheesecake. Cavadli takes pride in bringing a piece of her Turkish heritage to Happy Valley. "This is the first time we are selling at the Happy Valley Farmers Market," she said. "It's very fun and enjoyable. We meet new people, and they get to know Turkish cuisine." One of the Cavadli's most popular items, the baklava cheesecake, combines the best of both worlds,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AYTEN CAVADLI
Try another Turkish pastry that you can only find at Portland Halfmoons, a Baklava Croissant.

traditional Turkish baklava with the richness of traditional cheesecake. "Those who have tasted baklava cheesecake once want it again," she said. "We make Oregon's most delicious baklava cheesecake, and the feedback we've received [from customers] is that it's simply delicious."

But it's not just the desserts that have customers coming back. Cavadli's appetizers, like her crispy cheese rolls and spanakopita, are also a few favorites. These are Turkish cuisine staples and are prepared using fresh, organic



Portland Halfmoons famous Baklava Cheesecake.



Cherry cookies, one of the many sweet treats at Portland Halfmoons.

ingredients. "Our desserts and appetizers are made with hygienic, clean, organic, and normal

ingredients," Cavadli said. "They are prepared with love

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Oktoberfest

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Feast all day

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Earn the title of champion

Happy Valley's Oktoberfest wouldn't be complete without some friendly competition.

■ Traditional Weiner Dog races are back again, followed by a category for pups 20 lbs. and under. Big thanks to the Happy Valley Business Alliance, Surf's Pup Doggie Lounge, and EarthWise Pet for sponsoring this high energy event that gets everyone cheering.

■ Pedal your way to victory in the pedal tractor races, but be warned, these trikes are tricky! It takes some finesse to get these minibikes to the finish line. For participants 21+



Kids can select a pumpkin, courtesy of Embold Credit Union, while supplies last!

■ Enjoy making a mess? The Pumpkin Pie Eating contest awaits with categories for kids and adults.

■ Flex those muscles in the Paulaner Stein Hoisting competition – it's all about how long you can keep that pint glass raised at arm's length. For participants 21+

Note: Participation is limited for the dog races, pedal tractor races, and pie eating contests, so please head to our event page to see if spots remain.

Let's Dance!

Get ready to sway to the beat of Bavarian tunes and let's polka the day away as multiple live bands take to the stage to get you in the spirit of the event.

Oktoberfest takes place Saturday, Oct. 5 at Happy Valley Park. To help ensure a fun, family friendly event that is safe, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and Valley Public House are also teaming up to offer a special ride share



On your marks, get set, go! The fun continues with a variety of small dog races, a pumpkin pie eating contest, and other friendly competitions.

promotional code for festival goers. Learn more about this and find a full list of activities and competition registration information online at www.hv.city/oktoberfest or use your smart device to scan the QR code.

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Recreation, in partnership with Rotary Club of Clackamas and Boys Team Charity.



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Fall

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end of the summer season at the Happy Valley Farmers Market! The event will take place on Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring more than 140 vendors offering everything from delicious food to unique goods. Enjoy activities like face painting, live music, balloon twisting, and, of course, trick-or-treating for the kids. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes and get in some extra trick-or-treating before Halloween night. Plenty of Halloween surprises will close out the market season in style, so don't miss this fun-filled event.



Dress up for the Halloween fun and trick or treat at the Halloween Market at the Happy Valley Farmers Market.

autumn traditions that bring happiness to the entire family. That's why going to a pumpkin patch is a need!

This year, plan a visit to Liepold Farms, just 20 minutes away in Boring, Oregon. Starting Sept. 28 and running through

Halloween, the farm will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Day passes range from \$15 to \$20, depending on age, and give you access to a host of exciting activities, including a corn maze, dark maze, apple slingshot, hayrides, scavenger hunts, and more.

This year's theme, "The Magic Beneath Our Feet," offers a unique opportunity to explore the hidden world of soil, earthworms, and roots, learning how these underground ecosystems help keep the farm sustainable. With tasty snacks and treats, there's no better way to unwind and embrace the season's magic than with a trip to the pumpkin patch.

4. Go outside!

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

5. Cozy Night at home

On those cozy, rainy evenings, there's nothing better than snuggling up at home with a Halloween classic. Thankfully, today's streaming services offer a vast array of family-friendly movies perfect for the season. Start by engaging your kids in a creative activity like pumpkin carving or a cookie decorating party, providing tasty treats to enjoy during the film. For an extra touch of movie magic, consider sending a family member to Clackamas Town Center to pick up a Pack-A-Pop from the theater – an oversized bag of popcorn equivalent to three large tubs. After all, movie theater popcorn is hard to beat! As the moon rises and the lights dim, settle in with a family favorite such as "Hocus Pocus," "Casper," or "Ghostbusters." These timeless Halloween movies will entertain and create cherished memories for years to come.

Bakery

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and presented to people." Through her business, Cavadli has also made pizzas, among other savory goods.

While the bakery's early success is exciting, Cavadli has even bigger plans for the future. She hopes to expand Portland Halfmoons into a food truck and, eventually, a restaurant that uniquely represents Turkish cuisine.

"Our future goal is to open a food truck and restaurant in Oregon," she said. Cavadli also has the goal of offering workshops to teach others how to prepare Turkish dishes. "Good feedback inspires us, and we offer new flavors. Time will tell, but I'm sure it will be great."

For now, Portland Halfmoons continues to thrive as a small business with a loyal customer base, and it hopes to grow more and more as time goes on. "When people ask about Portland Halfmoons, they say it's a small business that sells delicious treats," Cavadli said. "Everyone who tastes it supports it."

Cavadli expresses deep gratitude for the support she's received from the community.

"I would like to thank everyone who supported us," she says. "Now, people have someone they can order the dishes and desserts they want from Turkish cuisine."

With each new customer and every glowing review, Portland Halfmoons is not just serving food—it's bringing a community together around a shared love of Turkish flavors. Cavadli remains focused on her mission to bring joy to others, one dish at a time. To follow Portland Halfmoons and keep up with their journey, customers can check out their Instagram page, where new menu items and updates are posted regularly. As Cavadli says, "The best is yet to come."

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HVPD SHARES TIPS TO PREVENT PROPERTY VANDALISM

As Halloween approaches, Happy Valley Police would like to remind the community that stealing or destroying decorations, yard signs, and other porch and yard décor could lead to criminal charges.



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Keep an eye out for an uptick in property vandalism as Halloween approaches. Persons caught engaging in theft and or property destruction may be charged with criminal mischief.

City of Happy Valley

Over the past few years, police have investigated many serious incidents of criminal mischief as Halloween draws near. Individuals have taken this opportunity to engage in destructive behaviors which often involve damaging private property. This includes smashing pumpkins and stealing or damaging decorations from residents' porches and lawns.

Sadly, theft, property destruction, and trespassing all lead to consequences. Homeowners bear the cost of cleanup and repairs, and they often feel upset that their holiday tradition was ruined and their personal space invaded. Additionally, vandalism can lead to criminal activities, causing real legal consequences for the individuals involved.

"Property vandalism undermines community trust and can discourage people from taking part in what should be positive, community-building events and experiences," says Rich Sheldon, Police Chief of Happy Valley. He emphasizes that parents can help reinforce this notion by actively discouraging youth from engaging in such activities and informing them about the potential legal consequences. "Teens may think they are just having fun or being harmless but imagine the disappointment of children who have spent time carefully carving a pumpkin, only to find their hard work destroyed. Additionally, it's certainly

not funny when those involved end up facing real criminal charges."

Here are some quick tips to help keep your home safe during Halloween and throughout the year:

1. Ensure your exterior is well lit. Proper outdoor lighting often deters potential vandals. Consider installing motion activated lights around your property as well.

2. Install a security camera. Invest in security cameras for your porch and yard to monitor your property. Visible cameras can serve as a strong deterrent, and they can provide valuable evidence in case of vandalism.

3. Keep items out of reach. Bring special things like your children's beloved carved pumpkins or sentimental décor inside at night for safe keeping. Vandals are less likely to engage in destructive behavior if there are no items to target.

4. Talk to your neighbors. Help keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and work together to share security camera footage or helpful information if vandalism occurs.

As part of ongoing efforts to maintain community safety, Happy Valley Police urge everyone to remain vigilant and to make a report if they witness vandalism or discover damage to property has occurred. As always, residents should call 9-1-1 anytime they see a crime in progress or if there is a life-threatening situation. Residents should call the non-emergency number at 503-655-8211 to provide information and to make a report for all other instances.

HAPPY VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Rich Sheldon

Join Happy Valley Police and City officials at two upcoming community events

This month, residents are invited to the annual Coffee with a Cop and the first-ever Pizza with a Cop events

City of Happy Valley

Consider joining us at one or both of the upcoming community gatherings where you can meet and engage with Happy Valley Police and City representatives. These events are designed to foster open dialogue and provide residents with a deeper understanding of our local law enforcement services.

Coffee with a Cop will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Peet's Coffee, and Pizza with a Cop will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Stickmen Brewing Company. Enjoy complimentary coffee, pastries, and even a slice of pizza while you chat with deputies that work in Happy Valley and members of the City Council.

These informal, community-focused gatherings provide an ideal setting to inquire about City safety and the upcoming Public Safety Levy proposed renewal. Additionally, you will have the chance to discuss matters that are important to you and become more acquainted with some of the deputies who frequently patrol Happy Valley. Both events are suitable for families, and children are encouraged to attend.

Coffee with a Cop

- Wednesday, Oct. 2
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Peet's Coffee

Pizza with a Cop

- Tuesday, Oct. 15
- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Stickmen Brewing Company

Did you know?

Dedicated police services in Happy Valley are provided to residents via a partnership between the City and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). In Happy Valley, these services are funded entirely by a Public Safety Levy, which is voted on by Happy Valley residents every five years. This funding covers the City's dedicated 24/7 police patrols, crime prevention efforts, school resource officer, investigations, proactive traffic enforcement, and the ability to respond quickly to emergencies. Happy Valley voters will have the opportunity to vote on the renewal of the Public Safety Levy this November.

For more information about police services in Happy Valley and the Public Safety Levy, residents are encouraged to visit hv.city/public-safety-levy.

Learn More



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Along with Happy Valley police deputies, residents will have an opportunity to connect with Community Service Officers and members of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department.



Coffee with a Cop is a fun experience for the whole family.



Enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee on Oct. 2 or a slice of pizza on Oct. 15 while talking to local police.

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COUNCIL CORNER

Community Center Project Takes Next Steps

City of Happy Valley

In September, the City Council took another step towards bringing the Community Center to fruition. We authorized the City to begin receiving proposals from Construction Managers / General Contractors (CMGCs) to partner with the City in the design and construction of the Community Center.

Traditionally, construction projects follow what is known as the "Design, Bid, Build" process. In that model, an architect team fully designs the building, then it gets put out to bid to various contractors, and is built by the contractor awarded the job.

Instead of this model, the City

will follow the CMGC process. Accordingly, the City intends to onboard the contractor at the same time as the architect team. This allows an experienced contractor team to provide input into the constructability of the project, provide detailed cost estimates, and place orders on supplies that might have long lead times. Not only is the City able to utilize the expertise of the contractor during design, it can then still ensure all work is competitively bid once the project is ready for construction. The City has successfully utilized this model for the construction of City Hall and the expansion of the Happy Valley Library. Additionally, the City received many recommendations to follow this process from



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Recently, further progress was made in moving Happy Valley closer to establishing its own Community Center.

other cities who have recently constructed similar community centers.

While construction might still be a couple years away, by engaging with a CMGC early in this process, the City hopes to save your tax dollars and bring the

project to fruition earlier than a traditional contracting process may take.

As a reminder, after more than a year of focus groups, steering committee meetings, resident surveys, and other feedback and input, the Happy Valley

Community Center is envisioned to include aquatic facilities, multi-court gyms, a walking track, a community room and kitchen, exercise equipment, and more. To learn more, visit our designated page at hv.city/community-center.

HV Farmers Market adds indoor Winter market

The Happy Valley Farmers Market announces it is now a year-round market

By **EMMA DAVIS**
Staff Reporter

The Happy Valley Farmers Market, a beloved community staple since 2012, is now operating year-round due to high demand for fresh, local goods and the desire to support local vendors and the community.

"For many of our vendors, this is their livelihood, and we're happy to give them the opportunity to run their businesses year-round," Jamie El-Khal, owner of the market, said. "It's a win-win, providing fresh and local food while supporting small businesses."

Starting in January, the market will move indoors to the Sunnyside Church gym, with outdoor vendors offering hot foods and beverages. The winter market will operate on select Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; those dates include Jan. 11 and

18, Feb. 8 and 22, and Mar. 8 and 22.

The market will feature its favorite annual seasonal events in the upcoming months, including the Halloween Market on Oct. 26, the Harvest Market on Nov. 23, and the Procrastinators Holiday Market on Dec. 21-22 at Clackamas High School. The 2025 season (its 14th) of the market will bring an expanded vendor lineup and a revamped website for easier access and will start with the winter market addition.

"We will kick off our 14th Season with our Winter Market, moving into our regular Farmers Market season starting in May," she said. "We always look for opportunities to introduce more Farms, fresh foods and local vendors."

For updates, follow the Happy Valley Farmers Market on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, or visit: sunnysidefarmersmarkets.com



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The Happy Valley Farmers Market Crew!



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Annual REPORT

City of Happy Valley

Every Fall, the City Council receives an annual report from City staff members that provides an overview of the accomplishments of the past year. We are consistently blown away by the amount of work that is completed to meet growing service demands. Happy Valley roads are kept at one of the highest pavement quality indexes in the State, our City-owned parks and trails are well maintained, and City staff members organize and run

some of the best community events in the region.

Below are just a few of the many highlights:

- Expanded the Library by 10,000 square feet;
- Purchased land for a future downtown, community center, and public works facility;
- Continued work on the Superblock sidewalk project;
- Installed new artwork at Veteran's Memorial Park;
- Built all-abilities playgrounds at every City-owned park;
- Improved sports fields as Happy Valley Park; and
- Made progress developing plans for the Community Center and Downtown.

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Tom Ellis



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A review of the past year shows the many accomplishments of our city, driven by the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers.

provides support and direction, it is the work and input of City staff and volunteers from City committees that

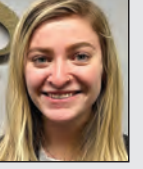
helps ensure Happy Valley continues to be a sought-after place to live, work, and play. Every accomplishment

listed here took a team effort. I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited for the future.

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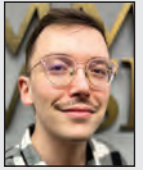
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Help keep Happy Valley clean : Your role in fall street sweeping

City of Happy Valley

Throughout the fall months, Happy Valley's Public Works Department conducts regular street sweeping to maintain clean and safe streets. Residents play a crucial role in this effort, especially when it comes to managing fallen leaves and other debris in residential areas.

Here's what you can do to support the City's street sweeping efforts:

■ **DO** collect fallen leaves and dispose of them in your yard debris bin or save them for drop off at an upcoming FREE leaf drop event.

■ **DO** keep an eye on your street's storm drains and clear accumulated leaves and debris. If you see a clogged drain in front of your home, please rake it clear.

■ **DO** keep parked cars off the roadway as much as possible during the next few months. This helps ensure the street sweeping rigs can get as close to the curb as possible when they visit your street.

■ **DO** make sure the branches of your parking strip



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The City's FREE Leaf Drop days are an easy way to dispose of yard debris. Take advantage of this opportunity on, Nov. 2, and then again on Dec. 7.

trees have been trimmed and not at risk of hitting the street sweeper. Emergency vehicles, garbage and delivery trucks, and the City streetsweeper should all be able to pass an area easily without running into barriers. Keep in mind that per City Municipal Code, tree limbs over a residential street must have 11 feet clearance above the surface.

■ **NEVER** blow or rake leaves into the street or pile

them next to the curb. This creates road hazards and makes it impossible for street sweepers to pick them up without causing damage to the rig. Piling leaves in the street is simply unsafe and will result in a citation if you are caught engaging in this activity.

While there is not a formal street sweeping schedule, Public Works keeps tabs on areas most impacted by fallen leaves and prioritizes cleanup efforts



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Public Works employee, Jose Herrera, is often the one behind the wheel of a City street sweeper.

accordingly. By following these guidelines above, residents can help the City maximize street sweeping routes and ensure cleaner streets throughout the upcoming season.

Save the dates! FREE Leaf Drop events return next month

To make things easier for residents, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is again offering the opportunity for you to drop off your yard debris at no cost to you.

City residents will have two Saturday opportunities to drop off seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris, and grass

clippings) at the Public Works building for free recycling.

Saturday, Nov. 2
■ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7
■ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site.

■ This is a residential service only which means no commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted. Remember to bring proof of residency with you.

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At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check www.happyvalleyor.gov 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 www.hv.city/notifications.

October Community Calendar

October 1
 ■ **City Council Work Session:** City Hall, 6 p.m.
 ■ **City Council Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.

October 2
 ■ **Coffee with a Cop:** Peet's Coffee, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., see page 3 for details

October 5
 ■ **Oktoberfest:** Happy Valley Park, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., see cover page for details

October 10
 ■ **Traffic & Public Safety Open House:** City Hall, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., see page 13 for details

October 15
 ■ **Pizza with a Cop:** Stickmen Brewing Company, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., see page 3 for details

October 23
 ■ **Happy Valley Business Alliance Meeting:** City Hall, 7:30 a.m.

November 2
 ■ **FREE Leaf Drop:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Public Works Building: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park, see page 5 for details

November 11
 ■ **Veterans Day:** City Hall and Library closed



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FIRE ALARM SAFETY

Increase fire safety awareness and help protect your home and family



Clackamas Fire District #1

October is Fire Prevention Month and this year's theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" Installing reliable protection and being proactive is important to help keep your loved ones safe from a fire or carbon monoxide (CO) emergency.



Be sure to test all your home's smoke detectors and confirm carbon monoxide detectors are in working order, too.

Here are some facts to keep in mind:

- Almost 3 of every 5 home fire deaths result from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. (NFPA)
- Carbon monoxide is the #1 cause of accidental poisoning in the US. (CDC)
- Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of home fires. (NFPA)
- A fire department responds to a fire every 23 seconds in America. (NFPA)

Highlighting safety : Safety lights aim to improve visibility for pedestrians and bike riders this season

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley, in partnership with Happy Valley Police, would like to remind drivers and those using neighborhood sidewalks to keep an eye out for others.

With visibility becoming more difficult in the fall and winter months, accidents and other mishaps tend to increase. As a result, it is imperative to be proactive and make safety a top priority.

To help encourage safe travel throughout the City in the coming months, the Happy Valley Police Department will once again be providing free flashing safety lights for community members interested in beefing up their visibility. Whether you are an avid walker and enjoy a stroll around the neighborhood after dusk, are an early morning jogger, or use your bike to get around, some extra illumination could mean all the difference in helping others see you more readily.

Complimentary safety lights may be picked up at Happy Valley City Hall or Happy Valley Library during regular business hours and during Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 5 between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Happy Valley Police and Happy Valley Community Service Officers will also have them handy as they patrol the community. *The City is offering one light per resident while supplies last.*

Want more safety tips? The City's Public Safety Team encourages drivers to exercise the following:

- **Keep distractions to a minimum.** Don't text and drive and keep your eyes on the road.
- **Be extra careful when entering and exiting driveways.** Be mindful of pedestrians on the sidewalk and keep a cautious eye out for youth and pets.
- **Drive extra cautiously in residential areas,** especially where cars are parked along the side of the street. This will enable you to brake more quickly should something or someone suddenly dart in front of your car.
- **Please, be patient.** Give pedestrians plenty of time to cross the street and double check that everyone has crossed before moving.

BE SAFE. BE SEEN.

Pick up a **FREE** safety light at City Hall or Happy Valley Library

**While supplies last*

With the days growing shorter, ensuring you're visible while walking, jogging, or biking is crucial. You can obtain a free safety light from City Hall, the Happy Valley Library, or at Oktoberfest to make sure you and your family are easily noticed by vehicles and others on the sidewalks.

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Sunrise Water Authority Move Complete

Staff now fully moved into 15,000 sf Administrative Office and Operations Facility off 172nd Ave.



Sunrise Water Authority

For more than 50 years, the Sunrise Water Authority had its home at the corner of SE129th and SE King Road. In March 2020, they began the process of selecting an architect to design a new facility on property they own off SE Armstrong Court, just north of the intersection of SE 172nd Avenue and Highway 212.

Disrupted by the COVID emergency shortly thereafter, Sunrise continued its search for a preferred design consultant, selecting FFA Architecture & Interiors. Construction plans were then developed for a new 15,000 square foot administrative building, 5,700 square foot shop, and supporting yard.

The state-of-the-art campus includes a two-story office building, with private and open office spaces, formal Board room, conference rooms, locker room, showers, and a kitchen/lounge area for employees. The shop is a single story, elevated structure with four internal bays with covered storage for vehicles, equipment, and inventory.

Both buildings were built with concrete, steel, and cross-laminated timber (CLT), and incorporate an exposed CLT roof, providing warm and natural modern spaces. The buildings are also designed with high-efficiency environmental systems and



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Kirby Nagelhout Construction's project: Sunrise Water Authority's newest administrative and operations facility.



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The inside of Sunrise Water Authority's newest administrative and operations facility in Happy Valley.

include photovoltaic electric generation (either currently installed or planned). The project was built by Kirby Nagelhout Construction at a cost of \$20 million and financed with cash reserves and a low-interest, special public works fund loan from Business Oregon with support from the Oregon Lottery.

Sunrise staff initially moved in November 2023 and completed set-up this past Spring. The facility is designed to support Sunrise's operations over

the next 50 years. Sunrise's old site off SE 129th Avenue will remain in place, adjacent to the City of Happy Valley's new roundabout.

Project Description:
Sunrise Water Authority's new administrative and operations facility in Happy Valley is comprised of a 15,000 square foot administrative office building as well as a 5,700 sf operations facility to house SWA's fleet and equipment. The

state-of-the-art campus was designed by FFA Architecture & Interiors (FFA) and constructed by Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (KNCC). The office building is two-stories tall, with private and open office spaces, conference rooms, and a kitchen/lounge. Both buildings were built with concrete, steel, and cross-laminated timber (CLT), and incorporate an exposed CLT roof, providing a warm and natural complement to the modern spaces.

Save the date for HV Youth Council's annual Youth Town Hall

Forum for students returns Wednesday, Nov. 20.

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This year's Youth Town Hall will aim to encourage conversation and public education about issues and concerns related to social media.

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- Worried that toxic chemicals in their homes could cause allergies, asthma and even cancer for themselves or their family but they have no idea or time to learn what changes to make.
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Tree permits in the City

Trees are essential to our City's health and aesthetics. As a Tree City USA since 2004, Happy Valley promotes tree preservation and replacement, requiring permits for removing trees with trunks over six inches in diameter (permit Type A) and any street trees, regardless of their size (permit Type B). This ordinance ensures removals are conducted by the correct property owner and do not affect shared or protected spaces. For homeowners, it also helps verify compliance with HOA and city regulations.

When it comes to tree permits, Community Service Officers are

here to help enforce the rules and promote transparency. These permits ensure that all tree removals are done responsibly, helping to avoid disputes among neighbors and preventing potential legal issues. When everyone follows the same rules and regulations, there is less chance for misunderstandings and hard feelings because both the property owner and the City complete their due diligence.

It is important to note that unauthorized tree removal can result in hefty fines and legal consequences, which could cost the property owner much more in the long run. By acquiring a tree permit, you ensure that you are following City of Happy Valley regulations and avoiding costly legal troubles down the road.

As with any City ordinance, Community Service Officers strive to help residents comply with expectations. When you submit a tree permit application, an officer will follow up with you to conduct a brief onsite inspection. The officer will confirm the tree is in fact on the applicant's property and that it does not impose on a shared or protected



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space. Once it is clear the tree is within the jurisdiction of the applicant, a permit will be provided. This is why it is important not to act until you receive official approval. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the property owner to follow the rules to avoid a citation.

It is also important to point out that street trees include some additional responsibility for the property owner. Should you be planning to remove a street tree (in the parking strip adjacent to your property), you not only need a permit, but you must also take action to

replace it with an approved tree. Information about this and tree permits in general, can be found at hv.city/tree-permit.

For more information or to review the City's rules as they relate to tree cutting and preservation, check out 16.42.040 of the Happy Valley Municipal Code at hv.city/city-code. Our team welcomes questions or concerns and is happy to help explain things in more detail. Simply give us a call at City Hall and ask to speak to a Community Service Officer by dialing 503-783-3800.

In addition to sharing the tree permitting process, this is also a good time to remind residents to actively take notice of tree limbs that may overhang into the street or sidewalk. Whether pedestrian, vehicle, street sweeper, or emergency rig, having a clear travel area traverse is imperative. To ensure safe passage for everyone using these spaces, the City's municipal code specifies the following expectations:

- Tree limbs over a sidewalk must be at least 7 feet above the surface.
- Tree limbs over a residential street must be at least 11 feet above the surface.
- Tree limbs over an arterial street must be at least 14 feet above the surface.



If you plan to remove a tree from your property with a trunk larger than six inches in diameter or a tree in your parking strip, please be sure to first apply for a tree permit. This is a crucial step in ensuring your actions remain in compliance with City rules.



TOURISM: Clackamas County has money to fund local projects

Clackamas County Tourism has opened applications for its Strategic Investment Program, offering \$548,000 in funding for visitor-facing tourism projects.

Eligible projects must directly support tourism in Clackamas County and align with at least one of three tourism pillars: outdoor recreation, agritourism, and culture/heritage.

Projects are also required to meet at least one Program Funding Priority:

- Supports tourism asset recovery and resiliency.
- Enhances tourism assets and visitor experiences.
- Improves accessibility.
- Promotes alternative



FILE PHOTO

Clackamas County Tourism has more than \$540,000 it wants to give to visitor-facing tourism projects.

- Expands visitation to new and underserved audiences.

Eligible applicants include nonprofits, federally recognized Tribal entities, and cities,

municipalities and state and federal agencies.

Applications for potential funding must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Oct. 9.

The total available funds for



Visitor-facing tourism projects in Clackamas County are eligible to apply for a share of the \$548K the county has for its Strategic Investment Program.

COURTESY PHOTO: CLACKAMAS COUNTY TOURISM

this cycle are \$548,000. The minimum request is \$25,000, with a maximum limit of \$548,000. Matching funds are not required, but projects with a 10% or greater cash match will

receive additional points during the review process.

A review committee composed of local community tourism leads and tourism industry partners will review applications

and make funding recommendations for consideration and approval by the Clackamas County Tourism Development Council, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to guide Clackamas County Tourism's work.

Award decisions will be announced in December, with funds distributed starting in mid-April 2025. Under the program's guidelines, awardees will have 18 months to complete their projects.

Learn more about eligibility and apply at mthoodterritory.com/grant-programs.

For questions about the Strategic Investment Program or the application process, email funding@mthoodterritory.com.

Clear Storm Drains to Protect Your Property and Our Water

Regularly clearing your storm drains of leaves and debris helps reduce flooding and property damage while protecting watershed health and the quality of our drinking water.

Follow these tips:

- Find the storm drain grates in the street by your home or business and clear them of leaves and debris.
- Use a rake or pitchfork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of it.
- When leaves fall into the street, rake them at least one foot away from the curb so they won't block the path of rainwater. Please do not rake or blow leaves from your yard into the street.
- Never dump anything into a storm drain.

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DON NEVIS: *Aspirational Promise*

Local veteran recalls time in the military and what he overcame in life to be who he is today

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

In 1970, right after he graduated high school and entered college, Don Nevis was drafted for Vietnam.

Intending to be a research doctor, he was already qualified to operate electron microscopes at 18, thanks to courses at San Joaquin Delta College during 11th and 12th grade. He had been accepted to UCLA and had a job working for the head professor at the medical school, but America had other plans.

"When I got drafted, I was really irritated, to say the least," Nevis said. "It changed all my plans."

It was not a good war, as Nevis recalled. Friends who had been in the 1968 Tet Offensive came back and warned him, "Don't go to Vietnam." But when he was called for the draft, Nevis didn't have a choice. When he went to sign on, he initially tried to join the Coast Guard, but it ended up being full. Little did Nevis know that his GPA might have just saved his life. Anyone with a low grade point average was drafted, but with a 3.85 GPA, he could enlist in the US Navy.

"I picked submarine duty, and I picked nuclear power," Nevis said. The nuclear power training was rigorous, crammed into a single year, which Nevis completed while getting married and welcoming a child. He was stationed in Hawaii. After one year of training, Nevis boarded the USS Robert E. Lee, SSBN-601, a ballistic missile submarine where he spent his service without ever facing combat.

"Once we're on the submarine, we're in what they call three-section duty," Nevis explained. "Six hours on watch, six hours of sleep, six hours of maintenance study. You do it all over again." After his first patrol, Nevis brought his family to Hawaii, where his wife stayed while he went

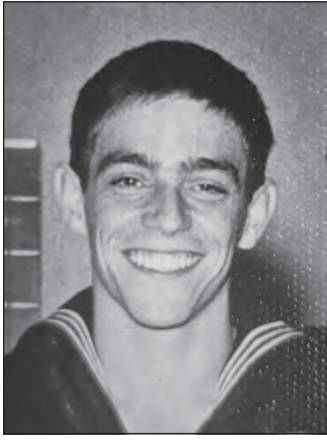


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Don Nevis when he was in the Navy.



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The USS Robert E. Lee, SSBN-601, a ballistic missile submarine where Nevis spent his service.

on patrol in Guam. "I spent six years, four months, and 23 days in the Navy. It was vigorous, but it really set me up at a young age."

Their mission was to stay undetected, prepared to launch nuclear missiles if World War III broke out. Fortunately, that day never came, and Nevis spent the remainder of his time on the submarine. It was during these years that he developed discipline and learned lessons that he would carry on for the rest of his life.

"I didn't realize it until my 40s, but it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me," he said. "I didn't get shot, and I didn't have to shoot anybody. The discipline and dedication I learned are how I developed all my values."

After leaving the Navy at 26,



Don Nevis and Lora.

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Nevis was so well-qualified that he landed a job with the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California, just three days later.

He later worked for the Department of Defense, assembling repair packages for minesweeper ships across the U.S. and Hawaii. But at 28, his life took a turn. "From 28 to 32, I lost everything," Nevis said. "I lost my family, my jobs, and ended up on the streets." Alcohol, his vice of choice, was behind it all.

One night in 1984, Nevis had a big wake-up call. "I woke up after a blackout," Nevis recalled. "I'm looking at the TV, and there's an ad for a treatment program. That's the first thing I saw. I didn't even

know I was crying." Next to him was a phone book, open to Alcoholics Anonymous. He dialed the number. "I was bawling on the phone," he said. The root of his struggle, he realized, was surviving a rough childhood. "I didn't die," Nevis said. "I had to dig all that out of me to overcome alcoholism."

He dressed in a three-piece suit and walked into his first AA meeting the next day in Hayward. "Not one person in there batted an eye," he said. "We came together with a problem, alcohol, and stay together with a solution." After he relapsed at 90 days, Nevis got serious and started to get his life back on track. As of October 12th, Nevis will be celebrating 40 years of sobriety.

"I didn't work for three years because I was so afraid I'd drink," he said. But three

years into sobriety, things began to look up. "That was the beginning," he said. Nevis experienced career success at the VA Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada, with promotions and moves. "I had to earn everything," he said.

At 48, with 25 years of service, including military time, he retired with a reduced pension. Despite needing to keep working, Nevis found peace living in a refurbished 1976 motorhome and taking part-time jobs, including delivering donuts in Monterey. He paid off his child support and kept moving forward.

A year and a half later, and at 15 years of sobriety, Nevis moved to Portland and got a job at Fred Meyer, where he met his "sweetie," Lora, while making conversation with customers as a checker. After their first date, he fell in love and knew

that all of the pain in his life had dissipated. "Everything came together," he said. They've now been together for 20 years.

In 2023, he and Lora moved to The Springs at Happy Valley and have loved every minute of it. "I'm happier than I've ever been," he said. "I had a rough childhood, and I've never had a family... and the people here, they're like family."

Although Nevis faced many hardships and obstacles in his life, he wouldn't change a thing.

When recalling a moment when he was asked his favorite song, Nevis, choked up with tears in his eyes, doesn't hesitate: "We Are the Champions" by Queen. "Because I made it through all that to become the man I am today." If there is one thing Nevis wants people to know is to never give up and "go live your life, come what may."

"Go live your life, come what may!"

— Don Nevis

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A PRINCIPAL with a PLAN

Sarah Jones is the newest principal of Happy Valley Elementary School

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH JONES
Principal Sarah Jones.

Sarah Jones, the new principal of Happy Valley Elementary School, brings a wealth of experience and a deep passion for education to her new role.

A Portland native, Jones began her teaching career in Portland Public Schools, where she spent 17 years in various capacities, starting as a teacher, moving into a "Teacher on Special Assignment" (TOSA) role, and then serving as an assistant principal. Seeking new challenges, she moved to Seattle and led John Stanford International School, a dual-immersion school, for eight years. Now, Sarah Jones has returned to the Portland area, moved by her desire to be closer to family and work in a smaller, community-oriented district like North Clackamas.

"I already knew about North Clackamas from my time living in Portland," Jones said. "It had a great reputation." For Jones, a good test of whether she'd like to work in a district is if she would want to send her child there. And for North Clackamas, the answer was yes.

"I'd be honored to have my son be a student here. So, I thought, well, if I'm willing to enroll my child here, I'd love to work here too."

So far, Jones says that the North Clackamas School District has exceeded her expectations.

"It's been wonderful. The district-level staff has been great, and at the school level, the staff has been so supportive and welcoming. The parent community has also been lovely," she said. Being a resident of Happy Valley now allows her to connect with families in the school and the community as a whole.

Starting in a new district and community can be challenging, but Jones feels prepared. Her first principal role in Seattle required her to learn the ins and outs of a new system quickly.

"When I transitioned from being a teacher to assistant



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Jones being silly with her son.

principal in Portland, it was easy because I already knew the district," Jones said. "But when I went to Seattle, I had zero of that. It was really tricky, but after eight years, I knew all of those things. So, coming here, I've had to keep reminding myself that I will learn those things like I learned them before."

Despite the challenges of adapting to a new school, Jones feels most at ease when the students arrive. "When the kids came yesterday, it was amazing," she said. "Talking to

them, helping them, supporting the teachers, it felt so good to do something I'm confident in."

As she begins her first year at Happy Valley Elementary School, Jones has set a few goals.

"I think that my overarching goal of year one is just learning and taking everything in, both from a school perspective and a district perspective," she said. "My second goal is seeing the places where I can support our school to be better for kids and families, whether that's a system that could be tightened

up or adjusted or if it's a need that hasn't been met. Whatever it is that I can then be able to support."

Above all, she is committed and dedicated to helping the students at Happy Valley Elementary grow, succeed, and have a positive school experience. Her optimism is encouraged by the district's strong commitment to equity, which aligns with her values.

"Equity is something that's incredibly important to me," Jones said. "I look forward to continuing that work — helping

staff grow and engaging in meaningful conversations with students and families. It's an ongoing journey, but I'm excited to advance the district's values."

Jones is excited to contribute to Happy Valley Elementary's bright future with her sights on equity, community engagement, and creating a supportive environment for all. Taking from her extensive experience, she looks forward to fostering growth and learning while building strong, lasting relationships within the school community.

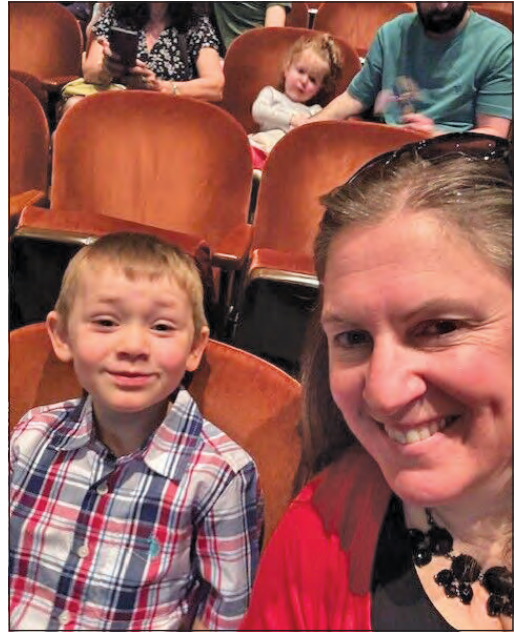


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One of Jones' favorite things? Spending time with her four year old son!



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The newest addition to the Happy Valley Elementary family, Principal Sarah Jones.



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The Happy Valley Halloween House in its fully glory, ready to set sail on Halloween night.

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A Halloween tradition

Join the fun and visit the Happy Valley Halloween House for a spectacle of spooky sights

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Each Halloween season, the Stoecklin family in Happy Valley's Jackson Hills neighborhood 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 creative masterminds behind the 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 swashbuckling spectacle that brings in community members of all ages.

However, the Happy Valley Halloween House wasn't always a family fun attraction for residents.

"We bought our house six years ago, in May 2018, and it certainly needed some work," Molly said. "At the time of

purchase, the "Victorian on the corner" as it was known, had been abandoned for 10 years."

The couple had to do significant renovations to the house because of its condition. However, it gave off a very haunting and "spooky" feeling.

"It had become quite the eyesore in the neighborhood with rotting siding, a sagging roof and a derelict picket fence. Even in July, it looked . . . haunted," she said. "As we began work on rehabilitating the outside and inside of the house, curious neighbors would frequently ask us if the house was haunted, so we would play along and say, 'It absolutely is!'"

In 2018, the two decided to use that to their advantage and added some "haunted" Halloween décor, including creepy skeletons, to add to the energy the house gave off. It wasn't until the following year that they decided to experiment with the pirate theme.

"We had quite a few skeletons and began creating scenes around the porch

where different groups of skeletons would be doing different things, and we found many neighborhood kids and parents alike would walk by each day to see what was new and enjoy the pirate crew," she said.

"As we considered the year-three display, we chose to design and build toward a family-friendly-for-all-ages display, and we gravitated toward less scary and more whimsical pirates." It was then that the Happy Valley Halloween House became an annual community favorite as 'The Pirates of Spanish Bay.'

Starting Oct. 1, Molly, Curtis and their crew embark on an ambitious and tedious task to turn their home into a stimulating pirate adventure. Their inventive spirit knows no bounds, with Curtis, a mechanical engineering expert, crafting extraordinary props like real drinking skeleton pirates and live-firing smoke cannons.

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— Molly and Curtis Stoecklin



The master craftsmen behind the scenes: Denny, Molly and Curtis Stoecklin.



Curtis (left) and Molly (right) Stoecklin preparing for last year's Halloween.

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said. "The ship's bow and boom is quite a structure, designed to withstand the wind and rain that seems to be common in October, as well as support the boom and sails. This positioning over the water feature makes it appear as if the ship is sailing out toward Spanish Bay."

On Halloween night and the surrounding days, the ship is lit up with vibrant lights, immersive sound effects, and captivating projections in the windows of the Stoecklin household, creating a family-friendly, interactive experience that delights visitors of all ages.

"My goal was to make something in the scene kids could safely interact with, allowing the kid to become part of the action," Curtis said. "A little engineering, a lot of help from Molly, my father, and some very supportive neighbors, we got these working, and they turned out great!"

From the safety of paved walkways, guests can marvel at the whimsical scenes and might even get to test their cannon-firing skills. While the porch is off-limits due to numerous cables and controls, the entire display is accessible for viewing from the street or from the comfort of your car.

"The community's response has been overwhelming!" Molly said. "We started

doing this for fun but are so touched by everyone's enjoyment of what we do. It's what motivates us to keep doing it each year and to come up with new scenes."

Join the fun and visit the Grand Ship Ferdinand for a memorable night of Halloween magic. Whether you're a pirate aficionado or just looking for a festive outing, the Stoecklins invite everyone to come and enjoy their creative spectacle. 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.

"We just want to thank the community for all their support of our Halloween House," she said. "We love doing it and love hearing from everyone that comes by."



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A creative spin on health, body and mind

A look into StarCycle of Happy Valley and what it brings to the community

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
for Happy Valley News

One area Happy Valley isn't lacking is its niche workout and health services, all designed to give you a healthy and killer workout while joining a community. Within this collection of impressive businesses lies StarCycle, located next to Fred Meyer, designed to help "every body and everybody."

Kelly Mreen, a former collegiate athlete and

long-distance runner, was confronted several years ago with the same dilemma many mothers face when prioritizing their health. It's a good problem to have, as nothing is more rewarding than raising a family. However, with the itch to return to the fitness world, Mreen stumbled upon StarCycle in Lake Oswego, where opportunity began knocking on her door.

"I had a friend who started teaching at the very first location, and it took six months to convince me to come," says Mreen. "Once I finally went, I was hooked. Shortly thereafter, I was asked to audition to teach and become a StarCycle instructor. I was scared to death but I inevitably started teaching right around the time they were starting to look for other franchising opportunities."

Oddly enough, the same journey nearly parallels co-owner Heather Hedges', whose story also involves children, discovering StarCycle, becoming an instructor and eventually pursuing a franchise of her own. "I was on the marketing team, and she was on the training team when they started to expand," says Mreen. "I started looking at Happy Valley, and Heather wanted to know if I'd be interested in having a partner in this journey. We signed the contract in October of 2016 and opened in January of 2017."

Mreen also underscored the advantage StarCycle gives parents thanks to its childcare. It gives parents a guilt-free reason to invest in their health while giving their children some fun time at the StarCycle crafts center and allowing them to form a community.

"What's really amazing to see as an owner is seeing these kids who have grown up in this environment and seeing that it's ok to do something for you," says Mreen. "These kids make friends if their parents are regulars and actually get playdates because of StarCycle."

Now, just what exactly does the StarCycle experience provide?

"We are an indoor cycling studio that utilizes interval training that's all driven by music," says Mreen. "It's high energy and gets people into a zone where they're able to leave their worries outside of these doors and focus on their health and body."

StarCycle, which welcomes all ages above fourteen, offers 45-minute cardio rides designed to "ignite the body" and is offering a promotion that lets you take your first class for free.

"We offer memberships that vary in the number of classes you can take in a month, depending on your availability and how much you plan to take our class," says Mreen. "We also have class package options that factor in both our StarCycle classes as well as childcare."

Each class offers modifications for its

StarCycle charity event raises funds for worthy causes

City of Happy Valley

Last month, StarCycle carried out its seventh annual Under the Stars fundraising event. Over \$5,000 was raised, which will benefit the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation (CESF) and Happy Valley Library.

CESF funds initiatives like educational scholarships, AED placements,

and community assistance programs that promote community safety. The Happy Valley Library is expanding, adding over 10,000 square feet for events and learning spaces, with funds enhancing this new area by way of curated artwork and furnishings.

Thank you to StarCycle and all the participants of Under the Stars for supporting our community and giving back locally.



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Under the Stars participants enjoy a class outdoors to help raise awareness and funds for vital programs.

riders based on skill level. These modifications are designed to ensure that everybody in the room feels successful by the time the class is over and accommodate all levels of age and fitness.

Now, one note Mreen couldn't overstate enough is her love for the Happy Valley neighborhood and how the community has inspired both her Hedges to give back, hosting charity events that are created as fundraisers for causes such as breast cancer, suicide awareness, children learning, and other important needs.

"We really do love Happy Valley," says Mreen. "We've been embraced since the day we opened and have had extremely loyal clients. People have stuck with us for seven years, even through COVID, in a really tough industry. Happy Valley has been a community that we've been able to be involved in that makes us feel like we belong."

One of these involvements was the recent "Under the Stars" event, which took place on Sept. 7.

"Once a year, we take all of our bikes out of the studio and onto the parking lot, and we literally ride at twilight and finish 'under the stars,'" says Maureen. "We actually did two rides because of the popularity. In addition to the ride itself, we partner with the City of Happy Valley and have donated to a different cause."

This year, StarCycle split its donations from this event between the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation and the Happy Valley library expansion, raising over \$5,000 — an amazing achievement for this small yet powerful and dedicated studio.

"Our clients cannot wait for this event," says Mreen. "We also have vendors come and put up tents to help promote their businesses and actually maxed out on space. We had thirteen booths of local businesses, as well as a DJ and a photo booth. Certainly a party environment!"

If you haven't considered it already, please visit StarCycle for your free session and experience a workout that will get your motivational wheels turning.

"It's high energy and gets people into a zone where they're able to leave their worries outside of these doors and focus on their health and body."

— Kelly Mreen, Co-owner

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Strength in Numbers: StarCycle Happy Valley Co-owners Kelly Mreen and Heather Hedges.

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Traffic & Public Safety Committee to host Open House

Residents can learn about the Public Safety Levy at the upcoming event

City of Happy Valley

This November, voters in Happy Valley will be asked to decide if the City's Public Safety Levy should be renewed or not. Funding for the Happy Valley Police Department and police services are currently covered through this source.

For residents who would like to ask questions or get a better understanding of what the Public Safety Levy is, the Traffic and Public Safety Committee will host an Open House. Information will address the basics, including how the City contracts with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

This is simply a great opportunity to learn about police services in Happy Valley and ask questions, so you can make an informed decision come voting time.

The Open House is set for Thursday, Sept. 10, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall. Residents do not need to stay the entire duration.

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Invitation for HOAs to learn about the Public Safety Levy renewal

City of Happy Valley

If your HOA community wants to learn about the Public Safety Levy renewal and its effect on police services in Happy Valley before the vote this November, a representative can attend your October

general meeting to share information and answer questions. Simply contact Communications and Public Relations Coordinator, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov to schedule.

You can also learn more at hv.city/public-safety-levy.

HOAs have an opportunity to ask questions and learn about police services in the City.

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National No Beard Day in Happy Valley

Get a quality shave in Happy Valley at Bishops.

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
for Happy Valley News

The perfect shave is highly obtainable, yet many lack the knowledge and patience to achieve it. So, for this National No Beard Day, why not visit a professional and let them carefully and precisely trim your facial whiskers down to a state resembling the smoothness of a baby's bottom?

Bishops, located next to New Seasons in Happy Valley, is an inclusive environment that welcomes clients from all walks of life. At Bishops, you can select from a variety of haircutting options based on the length of your hair, including other a-la-carte and coloring options, all performed by highly skilled professionals at the top of their craft.

"There's some fun little technicalities behind it (face shaving services) which is why not many local haircutting establishments offer this service."

—Shop manager
Angela Delgado

However, of all these services, there is one that you'll unlikely find in Happy Valley, and that's a classic face shave that involves a soothing hot towel, a relaxing face massage, and a close shave that will make your beard disappear without damaging your skin. To learn more about this location and its classic shaving experience, we spoke with the owner, Lee Jones and the shop manager, Angela Delgado.

"We opened in June of 2018," shares Jones. "I spent 30-plus years in the corporate world, and when I retired early, I was looking for something fun and different to do. I couldn't just sit around, and I knew the Bishops brand well already and pursued owning a franchise of my own. I just love the spirit of the organization and the welcome they provide. It's a great vibe."

Delgado, the shop manager for the last three years, chimed in on her affection for the industry.

"I didn't really get into hair till I was in my thirties," says Delgado. "I've been doing it now for the past twenty years and have really loved my time doing it."

So, with Whitney Houston's 'I Wanna Dance with Somebody' blasting



Owner Lee Jones and Shop Manager Angela Delgado: Stakeholders of the business but friends to all clients.

in the background, Jones shared his love for the Happy Valley community. "It's been a terrific opportunity to be on the business alliance board because I get to see firsthand just how special this community is," says Jones. "I couldn't have picked a better place. We're welcoming to all!"

"Our clientele is very mixed," added Delgado. "We do a ton of short cuts, but we also get a lot of requests for color and, recently, perms. To accommodate this community's needs, we have a lot of experience working here at Bishops, well over 100 years combined."

So, with this background on Happy Valley Bishops, we delved into their unique shaving experience and how clients, both loyal and new, can get the best face shave possible.

"There's some fun little technicalities behind it, which is why not many local haircutting establishments offer this service," says Delgado. "Unless there's a licensed barber in the building, all the shaves are done with a Mach 5 razor instead of the old school straight razors. I was actually taught to shave with a straight razor. If you have a hair license but not a barber license, you can shave with a Mach 5. Ultimately, it's still the same service."

Delgado continued to explain the process of this once timeless service that has instead become a do-it-yourself hobby for most men.

"We start with a short consultation with the client where we cover skin type, direction of hair growth, and sensitive areas," says Delgado. "I always

discuss what I'm going to do before we start the experience with the hot towel and a pre-shave oil. What that does is open up the pores and soften the hair. After that, we do a shaving cream, then the actual shave followed by another towel. Shaving against the grain after the initial shave is then determined both by the client's request as well as their skin condition. We finish with aftershave and sometimes a face lotion while performing a soothing face massage."

The service starts at \$47, but it is subject to increase based on whether a beard trim is first needed, the number of blades used and other factors.

"We get a lot of regulars who come in for the service, but we'd love for others to come in and try out this old-school



Bishops at Happy Valley Town Center: Home of the classic face shave experience.



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service," says Jones.

"It's actually kind of relaxing to perform the service," added Delgado. "We do recommend online booking for this experience, however, only because we have a handful of employees who can actually perform this service."

A man's shave is sacred, as everyone has their routine. Some choose to shave in the shower and can get a close shave with just the steam, likely thanks to loose hair and tough skin. Others may require a more detailed and intense process when shaving at home. However, if you're curious about what it's like to let go of the wheel that is your face and allow a pro to take on the task, consider visiting Bishops at the Happy Valley Town Center and treat yourself this National No Beard Day to this classic experience.

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New Ball, Same Court : How student-athlete Ellie Wallace recalibrated happiness and success

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
for Happy Valley News

Ellie Wallace, a junior at Pacific University who only one year ago had to make a tough decision that forced her down a new path than the one she had walked for many years of her young life.

20-year-old Ellie Wallace is a motivation machine that cannot be turned off, built with a drive that goes further than her powerful golf swing, skills that match her talents on the volleyball court, and a motor that represents her commitment to her academics. Simply put, Wallace has a work ethic that is rarely matched.

"Toward my senior year of high school one of my biggest things was I wanted to play volleyball in college," says Wallace. "I was looking for a school that I could play at while still utilizing the best academic scholarships I was offered."

While Wallace certainly considered departing from both her family and home state, it was the idea of continuing to play volleyball that ultimately swayed Wallace to choose Pacific University in Forest Grove.

"It's the sport that I've loved and have played since I was six," says Wallace.

It was volleyball that ultimately persuaded Wallace to transfer from Clackamas High School to the newly built Nelson High School her senior year, given that most of her volleyball teammates were forced to leap schools and that it gave her a better chance at winning.

"I got athlete of the year and a bunch of other neat recognitions," says Wallace. "I also won first-team all-team for our conference and got athlete of the week a few times."

No doubt accomplished on the court as a setter, Wallace was seemingly happy with the chaos in her life, so long as it remained controlled. However, while her grades and her time spent playing volleyball took priority, there was a looming passion that began to grow in the back of Wallace's mind and deep within her heart.

"Playing two sports did help me a lot as I was also on the golf team," says Wallace. "We actually went to state for golf. It provided a good balance."

Wallace shared how it was her dad, Jeff, who instilled the game of golf in



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELLIE WALLACE
Ellie Wallace: Junior and student-athlete at Pacific University

her family.

"Me and my little brother grew up playing with my dad like on Father's Day and stuff," says Wallace. "We also

did the little PGA junior camps in the summer. I really only did it early on in high school because my dad wanted me to do it. I was still way more committed to volleyball at the time."

Shockingly, much like her young life, our conversation took a strong pivot from discussing her love for volleyball to Wallace's newfound love for the game of golf, crediting that the better she was getting, the more she was falling in love with it.

"A lot was happening fast my freshman year at Pacific," says Wallace. "It wasn't the fulfilling experience I was seeking with volleyball so I reached out to the golf coach and luckily they had a spot for me to join the team. I said let's give it a try!"

Much like visiting a buffet, some chaos on your plate can be a good and exciting thing. However, for Wallace, it was becoming clear that she might've overloaded the system that, for the first time in her life, she could no longer control.

"It was all so drastic so fast," says Wallace. "College courses are so much harder and keeping my grades up amidst playing two year-round sports was a lot to juggle. I was going from my four-hour golf practice to my four-hour volleyball practice with lifts in the morning, going to the driving range at night, all while fitting in social time

and finding windows to study. It was stressful. I was leaving volleyball practice mentally and physically exhausted every day."

Wallace, with the support of her parents and others close to her, ultimately decided to make a full-time commitment to golf going into her sophomore year, choosing happiness, balance, and new goals over something that was no longer needed.

In fact, Wallace and her family recently became members of Arrowhead Golf Club in Molalla, doubling down on this newfound passion that golf has offered her.

"My grades really sparked back up my sophomore year of college," says Wallace. "I finally had the energy to make my teachers' office hours and I could focus on just school and golf. My happiness also really improved. I realize today how, while hard, I made the right decision. No regrets."

Lastly, Wallace offered this advice to other young adults or children who too feel like there's too much on their plate.

"You should want to look back and ask yourself, 'Did I accomplish what I wanted to accomplish and was I happy doing it,'" says Wallace. "Life puts pressure on you, and it's OK to take a step back and reevaluate what you wanna do with it. You don't have to impress anybody but yourself."

Clackamas CC going for bond in November : Marks second phase of facilities plan

By JOHN BAKER
Staff Reporter

Clackamas Community College has placed Bond Measure #3-613 on the November 2024 ballot.

This bond renewal is the second phase of the college's facilities master plan and maintains the tax rate established by the 2014 bond measure.

In 2014, voters approved \$90 million for the college to expand and update buildings, facilities and grounds. The college used the funding to construct four new buildings; expand and remodel others; improve transportation; increase safety and security; and maintain assets.

During this time, Clackamas Community College received match funding from the state for four of the projects and was awarded grant funding for seismic work, a new transit center and furniture — totaling \$46 million.

If approved in November, the \$120-million bond renewal will



New wayfinding, including new monument signage, on the Oregon City campus of Clackamas Community College, was part of the 2014 bond package.
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maintain the existing tax rate of 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This is estimated not to raise the tax rate. The bond aims to modernize learning spaces, enhance community partnerships, and update and repair aging facilities.

Approval of the bond would make CCC eligible for up to \$16 million in

matching funds from state and federal grants, and \$10 million for partnerships with higher education institutions.

To prepare for the second phase of the bond, the college developed a concept master plan, an athletic facilities master plan, and a mechanical, electrical and plumbing master plan to identify the overall need.

They then formed a bond development work group made up of employees, students and board members. Over a series of meetings and community feedback, they worked to refine and prioritize the list of projects.

The bond focuses on three main areas: Preparing students for success in modern learning spaces; enhancing partner and community connections; preserving and maintaining assets

Bond project descriptions

■ Natural Resources Center of Excellence: A new facility focused on horticulture, farming and wildland fire as well as an expansion of the welding center and new partnership space.

■ Space simulation center: Partnership with K-12 districts to establish an immersive space simulator center for middle and high school students enhancing early learning about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

■ Aging infrastructure upgrades: Updates and repairs to facilities, improvements in energy efficiency, and enhancements to accessibility and security.

■ Community partnerships: Expansion of workforce partnership space on the Wilsonville campus.

■ Safety enhancements: Increased campus security through additional cameras and interior door access controls.

■ Learning space modernization: Renovation and modernization of learning spaces to support hybrid and distance learning.

■ Athletic fields and walking trails: Improvements to athletic facilities, including track and field renovations with grandstands, a synthetic soccer field with lighting and completion of the Douglas Loop walking trail.

For more information about Clackamas Community College's bond measure and proposed projects, visit www.CCCbond.org.

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Authentic Mexican cuisine in Happy Valley

Local restaurant brings authentic Mexican dishes to the community

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY for Happy Valley News

Happy Valley Crossroads East has welcomed a slew of new and exciting businesses post-pandemic, treating locals to a variety of goods and services that have provided excitement to us locals and a sense of growth in our community.

Yolotl Mexican Restaurant opened in 2022, joining a small collection of other local restaurants serving delicious Mexican flavors. The catch? While other restaurants embrace the idea of fusion recipes, like Tex-Mex, Yolotl practices authentic Mexican-style preparation with its food, balancing traditional flavors to surprise and impress curious palates. At the helm of this operation is owner and entrepreneur Maria Garcia, whose drive can only be measured by the time and quality of services she executes throughout her business.

"I have lived in Happy Valley for about two years," says Garcia. "I previously lived in Downtown Portland when I moved from California about fifteen years ago. Specifically Palm Springs."

Garcia went on to explain how she worked in the service industry for many years, wearing many hats, before pursuing a career as an orthopedic massage therapist. However, when Garcia moved to Portland, she worked for the Mexican government for a few years before opening a Mexican-inspired coffee shop called Revolución Coffee House.

"That was the first Mexican-inspired coffee shop in Downtown Portland," says Garcia. "We opened in 2014 but closed in 2020 for a variety of reasons, like the pandemic. I was ready for a new opportunity anyway."

Enter Yolotl, a new idea conceived by Garcia that would fulfill a lifelong dream of owning a restaurant. However, thanks to the 2020 craziness that was Downtown Portland, Garcia needed a location that was both clean and safe.

"I always wanted to open a Mexican restaurant, even before the coffee shop, but could never find the right location," says Garcia. "Yolotl actually translates to 'heart,' which meant I wanted to go back to the heart of Mexico with our menu and experience. We offer many traditional foods from Central Mexico, and I wanted a location that would honor these values."

Garcia, a very involved owner, went on to uncover the incredible services her restaurant offers, including some future promotions that will make eating dinner with the family very easy this Winter.

"I like to work and to spoil my customers," says Garcia. "We do offer catering, but some things we are soon to launch are a senior menu, a more economical menu, and a prix fixe menu. People seem to be excited about these options!"

Garcia's idea for a pre-fixe menu involves a three-course meal you can take home. This meal will likely include a soup, a main course, and a dessert, all featuring meat, vegetarian, and vegan options.

"It'll be great for people who work and cannot cook dinner for themselves," says Garcia.

Speaking of the menu, we talked with Garcia about some of the options Yolotl serves and which items she might recommend to those curious.

"The enchiladas verdes is a very humble and simple dish made with fresh tomatillo salsa," says Garcia. "We also have a great mole manchamanteles dish that features a pork shank drenched in a rich and fruity mole sauce made up of spices, dried fruits, sweet potatoes, plantains, and pineapple — all served over rice. And yes, we also have delicious tacos!"

Delicious might be an understatement, as Yolotl's tacos were simply out of the world! We first tried their tacos de chilapa, featuring four crunchy taquitos filled with moist shredded chicken and complemented with a salsa Verde, onions, cheese, and sour cream. It wasn't your conventional taco, but perhaps that made it most exciting. Equally, their sopes, a vegetarian option, was as filling as it was delicious, featuring a dense corn tortilla-like base filled with beans, avocado, tomato, cheese, and lettuce.

Of course, with a full bar, we had



to get a house margarita, a drink that Garcia is extra proud of, given the technique to make it fresh.

"We make our margarita mix freshly with lime juice and agave," says Garcia. "It tastes better than a pre-made mix filled with sugar, and we only use quality tequilas. It really makes a difference, and your tummy will appreciate it."

Yolotl has an all-week happy hour from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is working on an "early bird" menu to accommodate all eating schedules.

Yolotl is a wonderful restaurant in Happy Valley that serves rare and unique flavors. Luckily, authentic central Mexican cuisine is available in our own backyard!



ABOVE: Taco Time: Of course, you have to wash it down with a delicious margarita.

LEFT: Yolotl Traditional Mexican Cuisine: Located at Happy Valley Crossroads East. COURTESY PHOTOS: JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY

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Storm drain cleaning assistance program for businesses Clackamas Water Environment Services

City of Happy Valley

Storm drains discharge rainwater to local streams and wetlands.

They require regular maintenance to remove contaminants and prevent flooding. Business owners are responsible for the maintenance of stormwater systems on private property. To assist you in meeting your annual report requirements and to provide a cost saving option, Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) has negotiated with a local vendor to offer a discounted cleaning rate of \$55 per storm drain.

Sign up for this service by Oct. 31 at www.clackamas.us/

wes/scap. If you have any questions about your stormwater system, cleaning criteria, or annual reporting, please contact us at wes-stormdrains@clackamas.us.

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Stretch Lab offers one-on-one assisted stretching sessions to help improve flexibility, mobility, and range of motion.

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Welcome to the neighborhood

New businesses celebrate

City of Happy Valley

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

Happy Valley businesses contribute significantly to our local community by providing many of the goods and services we all need and enjoy. They



offer places for us to gather, workout, eat, drink, and shop, and provide jobs which boost the economy and contribute to a city that thrives. The City of Happy Valley not only encourages new businesses to set up shop, but it is happy to highlight them with pomp and circumstance.

By partnering with the

Happy Valley Business Alliance to offer commemorative ribbon cutting ceremonies, the City aims to celebrate one slice of the American Dream.

Recent ribbon cutting ceremonies

■ Stretch Lab | 15727 SE Happy Valley Town Center Drive.

Oregon Military Museum Project to host fundraising event

Event to include presentations, silent auction, beverages, bites

Courtesy O MMP

In support of the Oregon Military Museum (OMM), the Oregon Military Museum Project (OMMP) is presenting "A Harvest for Oregon's Military History"

fundraiser event October 4th. This event will raise funds for the Oregon Military Museum's future programs and operations.

Please join OMMP for an evening of FUNdraising! We are excited to share this enriching line-up experience where we will have unique brief presentations for two of the OMM (Oregon Military Museum)'s experienced volunteers to

share their expertise in the skilled areas that are making this Museum come to life.

Along with presentations you will have an opportunity to have a closer look into the OMM's historical exhibits with featured artifacts from their collections that are awaiting exhibit placement in the gallery, along with an open gallery experience. This event includes a silent

auction with beverages available and bites. Interested guests are invited to support efforts to fund the Museum's future programs and operations for opening in 2025. Your generous monetary and in-kind donations, or sponsorships are appreciated.

You may also donate by mailing a check to Oregon Military Museum Project, 15300 SE Minuteman Way, Clackamas, Oregon 97015 or visit us at www.oregonmilitarymuseumproject.org.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Clackamas High School

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Emiliano Diaz-Garcia, Junior Varsity Boys Cross Country

Emiliano kicked off the season at The Night Meet with one of the top times in the state, finishing his 3,000 meter race in second place with a cross country school record 8:59. The all-league junior, who finished 36th at the state meet last season, currently ranks first in the Mt. Hood Conference.

Congrats, Emiliano! Go Cavs!

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Teagan Dixon, Senior Varsity Girls Volleyball

Senior outside hitter Teagan is the Cavs SunGlow Athlete of the Week. Teagan was dominant in her defense and offense in back to back straight set conference wins this week. Hitting nearly .400 against David Douglas, and over 250 for the combined matches with 40 Kills to lead the Cavs Charge. Teagan added over 40 Receptions with a mere single error, and added 4 aces on 24 serves. As captain, Teagan led the team with great energy.

Congrats, Teagan! Go Cavs!

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Tyler Walton, Junior Varsity Boys Cross Country

Tyler ran a personal best of 9:19 in the 3k at the Wilsonville Night meet, good for 9th out of 173 in his race. Tyler has put in the hard work all summer long, and is poised to have another breakout season this year.

Way to go, Tyler! Go Hawks!

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Gabby Hill, Senior Varsity Girls Volleyball

Captain, Senior OH, Gabby Hill - Powerful and relentless. Gabby uses strength, speed and strategy to find holes in the defense of our opponents. She is a versatile hitter with a multitude of shots. Gabby is a leader by example and always willing to step in to assist on and off the court.

Way to go Gabby! Go Hawks!

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County election officials urge voters to prepare

By JOHN BAKER
Staff Reporter

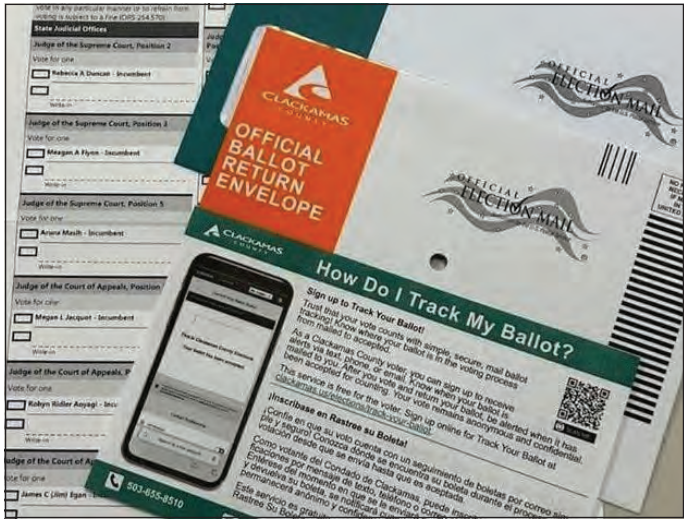
Elections officials in Clackamas county are encouraging Oregonians to take a few moments to get “vote ready” for the 2024 November General Election.

To do that, county elections officials are encouraging voters to take these three steps:

Check your voter registration status and make sure the information is up to date at oregonvotes.gov. Voters should update their voter registration any time they move, change their residence or mailing address, change their name, or want to change their party affiliation.

The voter registration deadline for online registration is Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 11:59 p.m.

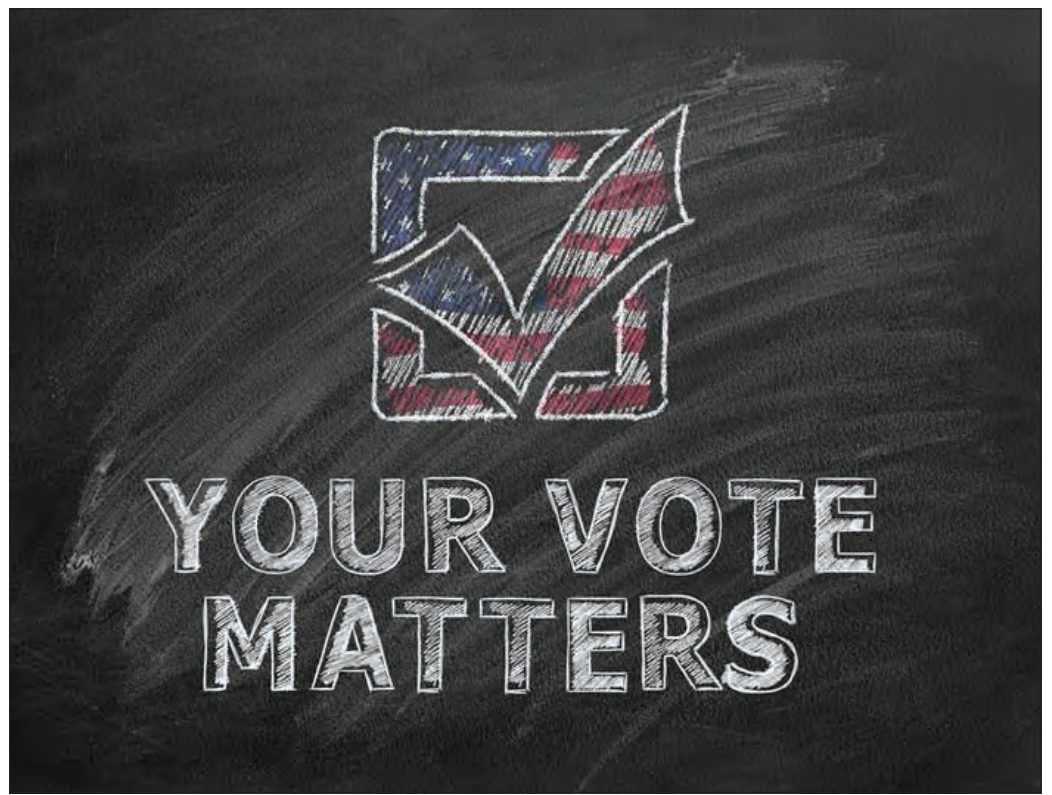
Sign up for a ballot tracking service. As a voter in these five



FILE PHOTO
With the Nov. 5 General Election about a month away, local election officials offer some advice.

counties, you can sign up to receive Track Your Ballot alerts via text, phone, or email, so you know when your ballot has been mailed to you.

After you vote and return your ballot, voters will be notified when it has been received and accepted for counting by your county elections office.



Voters can sign up for this free service at ballottrax.net/voter or learn more by visiting your county elections website listed below.

Make a plan to vote. Elections officials will begin to mail ballots to voters on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Get prepared and make a plan that includes when you will receive your ballot, when and where you will vote, and how you will be returning your ballot.

Ballots can be mailed or returned to any Official Ballot Drop Site in the state. To find the closest drop site near you visit oregonvotes.gov.

Voted ballots must be mailed with a valid postmark or returned to an Official Ballot Drop Site by 8 p.m. on election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

For every election, county elections officials go to great lengths to ensure the integrity, accuracy, transparency, and security of the election process ensuring that all the federal, state, and local elections are accessible and secure for all voters in our counties.

Did you know when every ballot return envelope arrives to one of our offices it is inspected for a voter signature?

The signature on the ballot return envelope is compared to the voter's signature on file in the state's centralized voter registration system and the signature must match before the ballot is opened and counted. If the signature does not match or is missing, you will receive a letter in the mail with

directions on the next steps so elections officials can verify the signature and count your ballot.

Voters who have signed up for status updates through Track Your Ballot will also be notified via text, phone, or email if your local elections officials are unable to accept your signature, alerting you to get in contact with your local elections office.

To learn more about voting in your county and for more information about the Nov. 5 General Election, visit your local county elections website listed below.

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