



# Updates

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A Community Newsletter  
**Winter 2007**

of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

## Hundreds Attend North Bethany Open House

On January 9th over 240 people came to Portland Community College's Rock Creek campus to provide input on how the 800-acre area north of Springville Road should develop. The open house gave interested parties an opportunity to learn about the planning process and opportunities for involvement. Future open houses will provide more specific information about land uses, transportation and financing to pay for necessary infrastructure. Ultimately, the results of this planning work will be before the Washington County Board of Commissioners for public hearings and adoption. Hearings are anticipated in summer 2008. For more information, view the Web site at [www.bethanyplan.org](http://www.bethanyplan.org) or call Angela Brown at 503-846-3968.



*Si a usted le interesa recibir este boletín de noticias en Español, comuníquese con Angie Aguilar al 503-846-7819, o via correo electrónico: [angie\\_aguilar@co.washington.or.us](mailto:angie_aguilar@co.washington.or.us). Gracias.*

## You have been asking... for an update on Measure 37 claims and their impact on Washington County

After a large rush in November, the county has received a total of 873 claims. Sixty to seventy percent of them are for more than two additional dwellings. So far no compensatory funds have been paid out, since no such funds are available. Therefore, we are waiving the applicable regulations. In related news, local governments in Washington County have signed a Memorandum of Understanding stating that urban water and sewer services will not be extended from inside an urban growth boundary to M37 claim properties in the rural area, as per Metro regulations.

In spite of the large amount of staff and commissioner time being spent on the claims, the 180-day processing deadline will be difficult to meet. Washington County has joined other jurisdictions across the state asking the Legislature to extend the processing deadline, as well as carefully consider the consequences of Measure 37 in general. To see a map of M37 claims, go to [www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/land\\_dev/37letter.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/land_dev/37letter.htm)

## In Roads for Fish...Taking Care with De-icing



Winter weather can make getting from here to there treacherous. Your safety is our paramount concern. Our goal is to maintain county roadways in a reasonably safe condition, and to provide such service efficiently and in an environmentally responsible manner. We do that by making sure our activities are consistent with Best Management Practices (BMPs) that protect the environment.

Road crews receive extensive training on BMPs for all roadwork activities, including storm response. Only non-toxic non-corrosive chemical anti-icing agents approved by the Pacific Northwest Snow

Fighters are used, and they are used only where allowed. Equipment is properly calibrated and maintained to ensure proper application rates. Visit [www.co.washington.or.us/limit10](http://www.co.washington.or.us/limit10) for more information about the county's road maintenance BMPs. For more information about the county's winter storm response plan, visit [www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com) and click on Winter Road Operations.

## Electronic News

Did you know that you could receive this newsletter (and others) electronically? Subscribing is easy! From the county's home page [www.co.washington.or.us](http://www.co.washington.or.us) go to the eServices link and look for the **County Communications** link. Select the **Subscribe to County News** link and click the check boxes to the left of any of the publications for which you would like to receive notification and then enter your email address at the bottom. You will be notified via your email when an update is posted on our Web site. That's all there is to it! And be sure to check out other services available through the eServices link.

## Neighborhood Streets Program helps SW Locust Street

In December four speed cushions, signs and pavement markings were installed along



**Neighborhood  
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SW Locust between 72nd and 80th. The cushions are designed together with TVF&R so that the wheel path of fire trucks can traverse them without slowing down. The Locust Street Safety Campaign began in October 2003 with a traffic study. The first year focused on educational programs, law enforcement and lawn signs. When those efforts were found to be ineffective in changing driver's speed, speed cushions were installed. If you have questions about the Neighborhood Streets Program, visit our Web site at [www.co.washington.or.us/nsp](http://www.co.washington.or.us/nsp) or contact Michael Mills at 503-846-7949.

## On the Road Again – Coming to a roadway near you

Call 503-846-7800 for more information on any of these projects.

### Five Sidewalk projects

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements are progressing at five locations:

- SW 170th Ave. from Elmonica MAX Station to Merlo
- SW Butner Rd. from Woodward Way to Marlow
- SW Park Way from Parkwood Dr. to Marlow
- SW Murray from Farmington to TV Highway
- SW 198th from TV Highway to Johnson

Most of the storm drain lines and utility relocations are complete. The next step will be to install curbs and gutters followed by sidewalk installations. **Estimated completion: May 15, 2007.**

### Brookwood / Witch Hazel at TV Highway

Utility relocations and storm sewer installation work continues. The contractor continues to clear right-of-way in preparation for road widening south of the RR tracks. Plans are to continue clearing and drainage work on the north side of TV Highway in the next several weeks, and waterline work on Witch Hazel and Brookwood south of TV Hwy, weather permitting. In the next several months, the contractor will bore a 36-inch storm line under the RR and will begin building the new RR crossing at Brookwood (planned to be operational in September 2007). **Estimated project completion: May 23, 2008.**

### Sunset Drive from Beal Road to University (Forest Grove)

Installation of sanitary sewer continues and will cause up to 20-minute delays. Flaggers are controlling traffic; please use the posted alternate route. The contractor will complete the sanitary sewer work by the end of February. Underground conduits are being installed for utilities. Relocation of power, cable, and phone and water lines continues. Storm sewer installation will start in mid-March. **Estimated completion: October 31, 2007.**

### Oleson Road from Fanno Creek to Hall Boulevard

Utility work continues between 80th and Garden Home Road. PGE continues to install new utility poles and transfer overhead lines. Qwest is transferring their services to the new lines and decommissioning existing poles. Comcast will start relocating their services following PGE. Northwest Natural is installing a gas regulator at 80th and Oleson. Emery and Sons is installing a waterline between Hall and Alden. All daytime work occurs between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm. **Estimated completion: November 1, 2008.**

### Lombard Realignment and Commuter Rail

This project will be constructed together with the Commuter Rail; for updates go to [www.trimet.org/commuterrail](http://www.trimet.org/commuterrail) or contact TriMet Community Affairs at 503-962-2150. The road project will realign Lombard to the west at Broadway, eliminating the current offset intersection. It is tentatively scheduled to begin this spring. **Estimated completion date for both projects is fall 2008.**

## Bike and Ped power... Winning friends for rural roads

Washington County's Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee (RROMAC) successfully convinced the Board of Commissioners to allocate 10% of "new money" – about \$150,000 per year - toward gravel road upgrades. When they noticed that bicyclists started using newly upgraded roads, RROMAC saw this as a "win-win". The main impetus for paving gravel roads is the elimination of dust adjacent to high value crops. But paving these roads also makes them more attractive to bicyclists.

RROMAC invited Hal Ballard, head of the Bicycle Transportation Coalition of Washington County, on a

tour of some rural roads that had been "chip sealed". Hal was pleasantly surprised to find that once they've been driven on for a while and the loose rock has dissipated, these roads are quite acceptable for bicycles. Now the bicycling community is endorsing the county in upgrading many of its gravel roads.

Rural through routes on local, low volume roads provide a pleasurable ride for the commuting and recreational cyclists, thus encouraging increased bicycle use, an element in the 2002 Transportation Plan. Visit [www.co.washington.or.us/gravelroads](http://www.co.washington.or.us/gravelroads) for more information about the gravel road upgrade program.



## Agricultural Preserves? Urban Reserves? Or what?

On January 19 at the Hillsboro Civic Center over 200 people from all sectors interested in the Shape of the Region and possible future urban growth boundary decisions heard experts on natural spaces and the agricultural economy lay out their views. The results will help inform Metro's decision making over the next few years. If you would like a DVD of the proceedings, call Anne Madden at 503-846-4963 or e-mail [anne\\_madden@co.washington.or.us](mailto:anne_madden@co.washington.or.us). The printed materials and map are posted on Metro's Web site, <http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=23320>. You may also call Cecily Norris at 503-797-1864 for hard copies.

## Fire Agencies Plan to Mitigate Wildfire Risk

The Washington County Fire Defense Board is preparing a Wildfire Protection Plan to identify areas at high risk for wildfire, propose strategies to reduce the risk, and improve awareness of wildland fire issues. An important step in assessing fire risk in Washington County is to conduct a homeowner's survey. Northwest Management, Inc., will mail a brief survey form to randomly-selected homeowners seeking input about home construction materials, proximity to water, and other risk factors. If you receive a survey, please complete it; it will benefit us all. For more information, contact Scott Porter, Office of Consolidated Emergency Management, 503-642-0371.

## Click Worthy

For the latest county news:  
[www.co.washington.or.us](http://www.co.washington.or.us)

For the latest on county roadwork:  
[www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com)

Winter Driving Tips  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/winterdriving.shtm>

## Citizen Involvement Calendar

### Planning Commission

meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.  
Auditorium, Public Services Building  
155 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Hillsboro  
Contact: Traci Shirley, 846-3519

### Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee (RROMAC)

meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:30 a.m.  
Training Room 1, Walnut Street Center  
1400 SW Walnut Ave., Hillsboro  
Contact: Stacia Sheelar, 846-7623  
[www.co.washington.or.us/rromac](http://www.co.washington.or.us/rromac)

### Board of County Commissioners

meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.  
Auditorium, Public Services Building  
155 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Hillsboro  
Contact: Noreen Lee, 846-8685

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