Staying Engaged

My community is changing. How can I keep up?

Get connected!

To help shape the communities where you live and work, it is important to participate. However, with so much happening in our communities today, it can be challenging to stay on top of the available opportunities.

To make sure you don’t miss attending an open house or participating in a survey, keep yourself directly connected. Resources are available from the County, Cities, State, other agencies and service districts for projects, programs and planning. For example, the Willamette Water Supply Program is working on projects to provide an additional water source for the county. Sign up to get email notices about open houses, surveys, public input opportunities, hearings, project developments and schedules (see story on page 3).

Find more resources to help you stay connected and engaged on page 4.

On the Ballot

ESPD Local Option Levy Renewal

Measure 34-272

Election Day is May 16. Voters in the urban unincorporated area of Washington County will see a measure on the ballot about funding for the Enhanced Sheriff’s Patrol District (ESPD). If passed, Measure 34-272 would continue an enhanced level of police emergency response for residents in the ESPD, even with projected population growth.

Voters approved the ESPD in 1987 and every local option levy since then to provide an enhanced level of law enforcement patrol service within the urban communities outside of cities. The District includes the communities of Aloha, Bethany, Bull Mountain, Bonny Slope, Bonny Slope West, Cedar Hills, (continued on page 3)
CPOs hold public meetings that provide information and participation opportunities pertaining to local issues that shape the communities of Central Washington County.

### CPO 6
**Aloha, Cooper Mountain, Reedville**
CPO 6 meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month at TVF&R Community Room, 20665 SW Blanton St., Aloha.
CPO 6 Contact: CPO 6 Chair Liles Garcia at cpo6steering@gmail.com or 503-846-6283.
www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CPO/CPO6

### CPO 7
**Bethany, Rock Creek, Sunset West**
CPO 7 meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Monday of the month at TVF&R Station 68, 13545 NW Evergreen St., Portland.
CPO 7 Contact: CPO 7 Chair Cindy Thackery at cpo7chair@gmail.com or 503-758-4645.
www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CPO/CPO7

### CPO 8
**Hillsboro, Orenco**
CPO 8 meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of the month at TVF&R Station 17, 31370 NW Commercial St., North Plains.
CPO 8 Contact: CPO 8 Chair Henry Oberhelman at hoberhelman@gmail.com or 503-816-5975.
www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CPO/CPO8

### CPO 9
**Farmington, Groner, Other CPOs**
CPO 9 is currently inactive. Contact Program Coordinator Dan Schauer to find out more about how to get involved (see contact below right).

### CPO 10
**Chehalem Mountain, Farmington, Groner, Laurel, Scholls**
CPO 10 meetings are generally held at 7 pm on the third Thursday of the month at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center, 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro.
CPO 10 Contact: CPO 10 Chair Andrew Haugen at donuts97@hotmail.com or 503-887-9601.
www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CPO/CPO10

Please note: CPO meeting schedules are subject to change. Visit your CPO online for meeting info.
CPO Program Online
www.co.washington.or.us/cpo

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**Washington County CPO Program**

**Committee for Community Involvement**
The Washington County Committee for Community Involvement (CCI) focuses on community involvement policy issues and provides time for CPOs to come together to discuss emerging issues. The CCI meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 pm, TVF&R Community Room, 20665 SW Blanton St., Aloha. The public is welcome. Find meeting materials at http://www.co.washington.or.us/CAO/CPO/CCI/index.cfm.

**Improved CPO Boundary Maps**
Washington County Land Use & Transportation has produced improved CPO boundary maps. The maps now indicate incorporated city areas in the CPO, urban and rural reserves, and the Urban Growth Boundary, in addition to all streets. You can find your CPO’s boundary map online. Click on the “Boundary Map” link below the header on your CPO page to find a detailed downloadable map.
The Willamette River
Will provide a new water source for Central and Eastern Washington County. Pipeline construction is being coordinated with road improvements.

Planning for this important water project is underway and includes a new water filtration plant, more than 30 miles of water pipelines, and water storage tanks, all built to modern seismic standards. A portion of the new water pipeline will be installed as part of a Washington County project to extend 124th Avenue north from Wilsonville to Tualatin-Sherwood Road. And sometime this year, a section of the new water pipeline will be placed under the Cornelius Pass/TV Hwy intersection in the South Hillsboro area.

For program info and updates: www.ourreliablewater.org/

On the Ballot (continued from page 1)

Cedar Mill, Claremont, Cooper Mountain, Garden Home, Metzger, Oak Hills, Orenco, Raleigh Hills, Reedville, Rock Creek, Somerset, Terra Linda, West Haven, West Slope and other urban areas outside of Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Tigard.

If passed, renewing the local option levy would maintain current service levels within the Patrol District by renewing a levy expiring in June 2018.

If passed, the renewal levy would:

- Provide funds for investigating major crimes occurring within the ESPD, including homicide, assault, burglary and domestic violence;
- Help fund advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation strategies for deputies to use when working with individuals experiencing an emotional or mental health crisis; and
- Continue an enhanced level of law enforcement services in the ESPD, even with projected population growth.

The current permanent tax rate (64 cents per $1,000 assessed property value) funds about half of Patrol District services. If passed, a five-year, voter-approved levy (68 cents per $1,000 assessed property value) that expires June 2018 would fund the remaining half, which is the portion that Measure 34-272 proposes to replace.

If passed, the levy renewal would fund Patrol District services at a fixed tax rate of 68¢ per $1,000 of assessed property value, which would be unchanged from the current rate. Property taxes for the first year under the proposed levy would cost about $192 for a home assessed at $282,200 (the average assessed value in the Patrol District). Due to projected increases in assessed property value, the proposed levy would cost about $7.40 more than under the current levy. The tax due in future years would depend on changes in assessed values in the urban unincorporated area over time.

If this measure does not pass, local option levy funding supporting 66 officers would be cut and property taxes on an average home in the ESPD would decrease by about $192 next year.

All citizens of Washington County are encouraged to vote this May. More information about the Enhanced Sheriff’s Patrol District proposed Renewal Levy, which will appear on ballots in the urban unincorporated area only, can be found at: www.co.washington.or.us/espd

County’s Land Use Ordinance Season Begins
March 1 - October 31

Public hearings, held to review proposed ordinances, take place in the Hillsboro Civic Center, Shirley Huffman Auditorium, 150 E Main St., Hillsboro. Participate in the process by providing oral or written testimony at the hearings or sending written testimony, including email, with your name and address to:

Washington County
Long Range Planning Division
155 N First Ave., #350, MS14
Hillsboro, OR 97124-3072
Fax: 503-846-4412
lutplan@co.washington.or.us

For more information and to sign up for email updates visit: http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/land-use-ordinances.cfm. If you do not have email, call 503-846-3519.

Election Day is May 16!

One of the easiest and most effective ways to participate and make a difference is to vote. If you have not yet registered, you must do so by April 25. Ballots should start arriving in mail boxes three weeks before Election Day. For more election information, call 1-866-ORE-VOTES or visit: http://www.co.washington.or.us/assessment/taxation/elections/
Prosperidad (Prosperity) is a program supported by a partnership between Centro Cultural de Washington County and the City of Hillsboro. Centro de Prosperidad Economic Empowerment Center’s goal is to prepare Hillsboro’s low-income, unemployed workforce for living wage jobs through skills acquisition, identifying and removing barriers to employment, and instilling a sense of continuous improvement and advancement toward economic stability. Prosperidad provides education, training, employee development, job search support, entrepreneurship and business development.

For more information visit:
http://www.centrocultural.org/prosperidad.html