



Updates

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Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

You've been asking - How to report a road problem or code violation: "Who you gonna call? Code Enforcer"

What frequent complaints are dealt with by county agencies?



- **Hazards in the road right-of-way** –
Land Use and Transportation Operations, (503) 846-ROAD (846-7623)
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/request-service.cfm>
- **Violations of Community Development Code** –
Land Use and Transportation Current Planning, (503) 846-8761
<http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/LDS/formDocs/CodeViolation.pdf>
- **Inoperable vehicles in the public right-of-way** –
Sheriff's Office (503) 846-2524
http://www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff/service/veh_faq.htm
- **Noise or public health issues such as tall weeds, accumulated trash or lack of proper sanitation** –
Health and Human Services, Solid Waste (503) 846-8609
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/SWR/Regulatory/feedback-form.cfm>
- **Animal issues** – Bonnie Hays Small Animal Shelter (503) 846-7041
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/HHS/AnimalServices/AnimalControl/Complaints/index.cfm>

If your complaint is with your neighbor, we suggest you try talking with them first. Sometimes, the problem is solved with a simple discussion. If talking directly doesn't work, consider mediation. The Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center and the Hillsboro Mediation Program are both successful at helping people resolve their differences. The Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center serves Washington County residents who live east of 185th Avenue, including Tigard, Tualatin, and Sherwood. The Hillsboro Mediation Program serves the county west of 185th Avenue, including Cornelius, Forest Grove, North Plains, and Banks.

URMDAC – Your chance to speak up on road maintenance issues!

The Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee is seeking members to advise the County Board of Commissioners and staff on matters related to road maintenance on local streets in the urban unincorporated area. Download an application from the county's web site (www.co.washington.or.us, click on Board of Commissioners, Citizen Boards & Commissions) or contact Stacia Sheelar, 503-846-7615.

North Bethany Plan Public Hearings

As you are reading this the Washington County Planning Commissioners are completing their recommendations on the North Bethany Ordinances. Their recommendations now go to the County Commissioners to be considered for adoption. The first Board hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11. Public testimony is welcome at the Board hearing. Consideration of the North Bethany Service District Charge (SDC) will come before the Board beginning with the August 18 hearing. The SDC is one of the funding approaches to support necessary infrastructure development in North Bethany. For information go to: www.bethanyplan.org

Bethany

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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. Gracias.

Urban Rural Reserves Public Hearing August 20 in Hillsboro

Urban and rural reserve recommendations are on the horizon and the public is being asked for input. On August 10 the Washington County Reserves Coordinating Committee (RCC) will begin deliberation on urban reserves (those lands where growth could occur over the next 40 – 50 years) and rural reserves (those agricultural, forest and natural resource lands that will be protected from urbanization for the same period.) The RCC is convening a public hearing Thursday, August 20 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Hillsboro Civic Center, 155 East Main Street in Hillsboro. This will be an opportunity to provide official oral or written testimony for consideration by the RCC and inclusion in the public record. An open house will accompany the hearing with opportunity to talk with staff from the county and cities about the process. More information is available on the website: www.co.washington.or.us/reserves



Current Planning and Building to Receive Energy Grant

In September Current Planning and Building will be the recipient of money to fund a grant to examine building and development codes to find obstacles and create incentives for building more energy efficient buildings in Washington County. The grant is for a total of \$500,000 over two years and will be used to fund staff time to complete the project. The result will be recommendations for changes to county codes to allow for more energy efficient and "green" buildings.

On the Road Again – Coming to a roadway near you

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

10th Street in Hillsboro (E Main –SE Baseline) is complete. A right turn lane was constructed. Other improvements included a widened roadway, drainage, sidewalks, curb ramps and lighting.

Murray /Cornell Improvements in Cedar Mill are almost complete. The contractor is working on final paving, striping, landscaping and other punch list items. NW Murray Boulevard was widened to five lanes between Highway 26 and NW Cornell Road. A traffic signal and turn lanes were added on Cornell between 143rd and Science Park Drive. *Completion September 2009.*

Cornelius-Schefflin Road at Council Creek in Cornelius (between Holladay and Long Road) is closed through January 31, 2010. The closure is necessary to remove the old bridge and replace it with a new one. Signs and a detour route are posted. *Completion June 2010.*

NW 173rd Avenue at Waterhouse Creek, just south of Walker Road is closed through September 15, 2009 to replace a culvert. Signs and a detour route are posted. This project will connect Walker and Baseline along 170th and 173rd Avenues. *Completion December 2009.*

SW 209th Avenue at Butternut Creek between Stoddard Drive and Parker Court is closed through September 4, 2009 to relocate utility lines and replace the existing culvert with a new bridge. Signs and a detour route are posted. *Completion October 2009.*

River Road Bridge Replacement is still ahead of schedule. The contractor formed and poured the deck of the new bridge and is working on the embankment on both sides of the bridge. River Road remains closed between Rood Bridge Road and Witch Hazel Road through January 2010 for bridge work. Detour routes are posted. Be advised that the detour route will increase commute time by a maximum of 3.5 miles each way. *Completion January 2010.*

Saltzman/Cornell to Thompson construction has begun for the first phase between NW Cornell Road and NW Bauer Woods Drive. The improvement will rebuild the existing two-lane road to three lanes: two travel lanes, a center lane, curbs, sidewalks and bike lanes. *Completion November 2010.*

County Federal ARRA Stimulus Projects

A consultant has been retained to retime traffic signals along 10 corridors. The consultant collected all traffic count information before the end of the school year, and is now preparing the retiming plans for each. Projects are scheduled for bid openings in August, September and October 2009.

For more information about federal stimulus money on county roads, please visit: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/CPM/federal-stimulus-money.cfm>

Less Road Maintenance Likely on Rural Local Roads

Declining gas tax revenue and increasing materials costs means our Road Operations and Maintenance Division expects to be able to do about one-fourth less work this year than usual. Roadway users, especially on rural local roads, will likely notice the reduction in services. The Board-adopted Transportation Plan gives highest priority to mandated services, emergency response, and hazard abatement. For general road maintenance, arterials and collectors receive highest priority and local roads lowest. Urban unincorporated local roads are funded by property owners who pay \$0.25 per \$1000 to keep them in good condition. However, there is no extra revenue source or tax to maintain rural local roads. Gravel road grading, pavement maintenance, vegetation management, ditching and drainage maintenance will continue, but our crews will perform these activities less often.

InRoads for Fish: 209th Bridge to replace creaky culvert

Butternut Creek, a meandering tributary of the Tualatin, is forced through a narrow culvert under SW 209th Avenue. This summer Bones Construction Company is replacing the culvert with a new \$1.4 million 60-foot bridge, improving water quality and wildlife habitat. The new bridge will be five feet higher than today's road, with a wider span allowing unimpeded water flows. Butternut Creek will return to a natural creek bed; animals will walk the bank more easily and cross safely under SW 209th. The concrete beams supporting the bridge will be cast to accommodate bat boxes. New curbs will channel rain water to a water quality swale, to remove road pollutants before discharging into Butternut Creek. Blackberry bushes will be replaced with native plants - 30 trees, 435 shrubs and 300 plugs of sedges and grasses. New retaining walls minimize property and environmental impacts. A new waterline will be built for the City of Hillsboro, and an existing TVWD waterline will be relocated. All in all, a wonderful improvement!

Oleson Road blooming with daffodils and Daily Journal of Commerce "Top Project" award

Update: We won! The project came in first in the Public Works Transportation Infrastructure \$5 to \$15 million category. We are very proud, and again want to thank all involved. A special shout-out to the Garden Home Crossing Committee - they are the ones who labored so hard to organize the planting of all those bulbs. Their obvious care and commitment to the neighborhood will pay blooming dividends for decades to come. We received this email: "*What an amazing job! I live right on Oleson – and have since before construction began in June '06 – and was never more than mildly inconvenienced by it. The work you and your team put in must have been monumental – because from my perspective it looked seamless. The transformation has brought people out on the streets. Every week I see more people walking, running and biking. I can walk to the grocery store, coffee or the pub. It is a delight to see the change in the community. Please tell your team how much I appreciated their work. I hope you all took a moment to celebrate your success!*"



What do you think of our new web site - www.co.washington.or.us/lut ? Take a short survey or e-mail us and let us know:

1. Have you visited LUT's new web site?
2. Did you find what you were looking for?
3. What suggestions do you have for improving our web site?

Citizen Involvement Calendar

Planning Commission meets 1st Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Auditorium, Public Services Building 155 N 1st Ave, Hillsboro
Contact: Dixie King, 846-3519

Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee (RRMAC) meets 3rd 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/rrmac

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

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