



# Cedar Mill News

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## Featured Business

### Cedar Mill Community Library

The community of Cedar Mill was growing in the early 1970s. New subdivisions were bringing more families into the area. The closest libraries to serve this growing population were downtown Portland or the library in Beaverton. A group of young parents began to discuss the problem, and in the Cedar Mill spirit of community action, they decided to do something.

"The 7-11 store near us was moving from their building at 107<sup>th</sup> and Cornell, (now a pre-school) and we thought that it could be a library. So Alan VanVeen and I began to recruit for a Board of Directors

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Library lent an old bookmobile, dubbed the "Jolly Green Machine," that was parked in front of the building from October 1975 until mid-January 1976. One of their first big membership activities was the Ice Cream Social in November 1975 that brought in 1000 donated books and served 800 ice cream cones.

## History in the News

### William Cornell, pioneer preacher

by Nancy Olson, co-author, **Cedar Mill History**

Cornell Road is named after William Cornell, early contributor to the taming of the Cedar Mill area. His story is impossible to untangle from the story of the religious needs of the early community. He was probably the first licensed preacher to reside in the vicinity. He arrived in 1852 and took up a donation land claim along the road that bears his name, just east of what became the Multnomah county line. Many of you go to northwest Portland via that route. It is how the settlers took their produce to a growing Portland market and how the Cedar Mill took it's lumber to the booming housing industry. But who was this person, Cornell?

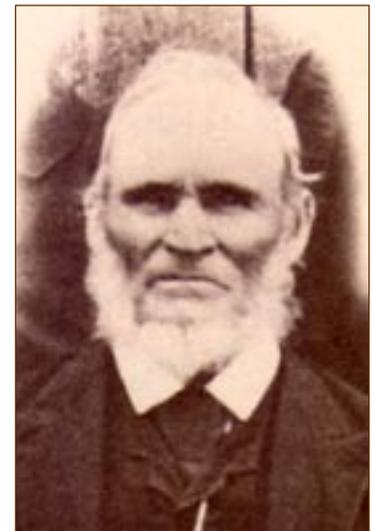
Methodist Episcopal quarterly conference records indicate Cornell was a "Sabbath School" teacher at Union School in 1858. That meant he taught Sunday School. It is not known when he became an ordained minister but the records reveal his license to preach was renewed in 1860.

Early meetings were held in family homes and the Union Schoolhouse but the population was growing and Cornell undoubtedly longed for a church building. In 1867 Wesley Chapel was constructed at the cost of \$700. The small building stood a few blocks west of the junction of Cornell and Murray. It served the needs of the

community for 24 years.

Cornell eventually moved from the area and served as minister in the Innes Chapel, closer to his new home which was over by present-day Washington Square in Beaverton.

It is interesting to note that Wesley Chapel served the Cedar Mill



citizens until the Owen Murray family purchased the land where the building stood. For some reason the Catholic Murray's relationship with the Methodists soured and in 1891, the Methodists were asked to vacate the premises. JQA Young's son Jasper donated some land on Cornell Road just east of the original building and a new chapel was

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The "Jolly Green Machine" served book lovers in Cedar Mill before the library opened. It was parked in front of the former 7-11 on 107<sup>th</sup>.

to form a non-profit corporation," says Jack Thurber. "I talked to other parents at Cedar Mill School, and started attending the newly-formed CPO1, and we managed to put together a group with varied talents and backgrounds. Once we had the IRS non-profit status, we began to raise money."

7-11's parent company, the Southland Corporation, offered to let the Cedar Mill Community Library (CMCL) store books in the building while they raised the money to buy it. Multnomah County

However it had become obvious that they weren't going to raise enough money to buy the building in time, and Odus Bales, founder of the Bales Thriftway stores, offered a space in the Milltowner Shopping Center at Saltzman and Cornell. The grocery store occupied the building that now houses Walgreens, and the library moved into the space that's now Pacific Agricultural Lab. "He rented us the space at \$400 per month and then donated \$200 of that back to the library, which was well below the market rate. And we realized that

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### Cedar Mill News prints on

We're back in business, thanks to one of our readers! Mike Noonan, a Sales Representative for Copytronix/CTX Business Solutions, grew up in Cedar Mill. He read the article in the last issue about us losing our printing partner, and told his bosses. They discussed it and came back with an offer. They are letting us print the paper on one of their machines! See their ad on the back page for information about the services they offer, and give them a call if you can throw some business their way. Thanks, Copytronix!

### Cedar Mill Garden Club

The January 17th 2007 program for the Cedar Mill Garden Club will be "Hydrangeas in the Northwest Garden" presented by Kirsten VanHoose of Hydrangeas Plus. The Club meets at the Beaverton Resource Center, S.W. Allen and Hall in Beaverton.



The business meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by refreshments and the program at 11:00 a.m. For additional information about the Cedar Mill Garden Club and its activities contact President Garnet Ascher 503-292-4460 or e-mail her at [Garasch39@msn.com](mailto:Garasch39@msn.com)

- Future meeting topics are:
- February 21, "Backyard Birds," Steven Engel, Portland Audubon Society
  - March 21, "Japanese Flower Arranging," Marion Buckman, Sogetsu School
  - April 18, "Herbs from Garden to Table," Patty Hicks

### Goodbye Tillamook, Hello Old Mill Saloon!

Oregon Restaurant Concepts, Inc., owners of the Tillamook restaurant as well as Big Red's and the Yamhill Grill in Newberg, have closed the Tillamook location on Cornell for remodeling and a rebirth into the Old Mill Saloon, a pioneer-themed sports bar. Vice President and Partner Doug Royce says the new business will open in mid-April.

"We'll be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner," he says. "There will be big screen plasma and LCD tvs, pool tables and a jukebox. "We'll be featuring all the local sports, along with lottery games and an extensive menu and a great Happy Hour," says Royce.

The murals will stay. Royce recalls spending many hours discussing Cedar Mill history with locals such as Jack Andersen of Cedar Mill Lumber. The murals painted on the walls of the establishment were interpreted from real old photos of the early days of logging and farming in Cedar Mill.

Longtime Tillamook customers may be disappointed to find out that the entire establishment will be closed to minors, however, as many remember fondly the "old days" of taking the whole family for breakfast or ice cream. Business at Tillamook was severely curtailed during the road construction, but patronage had been dropping off for some time even before that. We look forward to seeing what the "Old Mill" will look like when it's completed.

### Cedar Mill gets two new representatives

Kathryn Harrington was sworn in as our new representative to Metro, the tri-county regional government, on January 2 in a spirited ceremony at the Metro Zoo. She will represent us on the Metro Council. Harrington, a former Intel executive, has been very active in local politics, most recently serving as Chair of the Washington County Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI).



Kathryn Harrington at the Metro Inauguration

Desari Strader was elected as County Commissioner to replace John Leeper, who has retired. She was sworn in on January 9. Strader was previously a legislative director for State Representative Mitch Greenlick and a congressional aide and business liaison to U.S. Congresswoman Darlene Hooley.

We look forward to hearing from both these representatives at upcoming meetings of CPO 1 and in these pages. Harrington, along with State Representative Mitch Greenlick, is scheduled for the April 3 meeting.

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### Senderos del Saber correction

The parent-run educational program that has recently opened in the "triangle" shopping center at Saltzman and Cornell is not a "private" school but has received a grant from the state of Oregon and is applying for Charter School status with the Beaverton School District.

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## Beaverton in Cedar Mill

By Virginia Bruce, editor

Some residents were puzzled last month when signs went up on Cornell Road that said "Welcome to Beaverton." Was there a stealth annexation that nobody heard about? Well, no, that section of Cornell was annexed into Beaverton in 1999 along with portions of Science Park Drive, Murray Boulevard, Highway 26 and the land under Sunset High School and Sunset Park. These are commonly known as "cherry-stem annexations," and are increasingly frowned on by Washington County and planning experts. They often lead to "island annexation" where a city claims that their territory surrounds an island because they annexed the roads (cherry stems) that surround it.

Holly Thompson, spokesperson for the Beaverton Mayors' Office, says that the road signs went up as a result of a periodic review of signage conducted by the city traffic engineers. "We are required by Federal radar law to post signs at major entry points to the city.



We periodically review our signage and decided that we needed to put signs up in this area," she stated. Beaverton has been using their portable radar vans to catch people "speeding" past Sunset High School over the 20-mph school area limit for some time. They have no plans to install permanent radar cameras, according to Thompson.

Placement of the sign on the north side of Cornell does seem a little curious since the Beaverton "city limit" only extends to the sidewalk — the Safeway shopping center is still in unincorporated Washington County. We're sure the engineers knew what they were doing, but it caused some confusion among local residents.

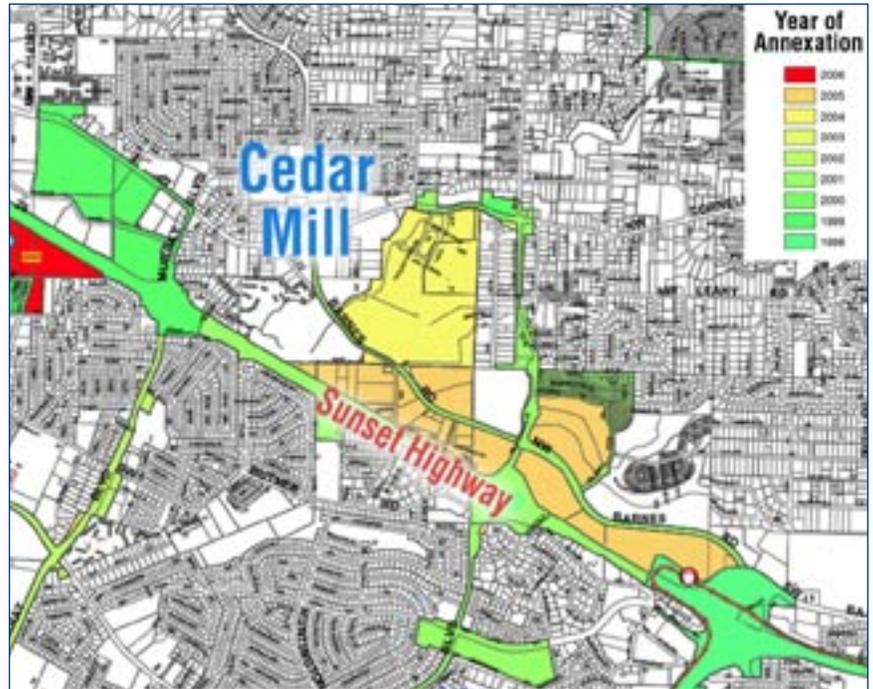
The map shows which parts of Cedar Mill have been annexed by Beaverton. Most of this annexation has taken place during the last ten years, during which Beaverton grew by over 2500 acres. Much of the annexation around the region was "voluntary" on the part of landowners who were developing property. When Beaverton owns the roadway, they also own the utilities that are placed beneath it. When a developer wishes to, for example, hook up to the sewer, they have to annex into the city to be able to do that. This is part of the reason that the Teufel development annexed into Beaverton.

In 2005, then State Senator Charlie Ringo and Representative Mitch Greenlick obtained passage of HB 887 which prohibited forced annexations for a period of two years. This bill "sunset" as of January 2008. A study group was created by the legislature to try to deal with Oregon's annexation laws, but according to a January 1 article by Jerry Boone of the Oregonian, "it appears Oregon lawmakers won't even attempt to unsnarl the state's confusing and sometimes contradictory annexation laws when the Legislature goes into session later this month."

### Land Use designations

A few days before Wal-Mart applied to build a store on Peterkort property at Cedar Hills Boulevard and Barnes Rd., the property officially became part of Beaverton as the result of a forced island annexation — Beaverton having previously staked a claim on Cedar Hills, US 26 and Barnes.

One of the reasons that the



Beaverton has been annexing parts of Cedar Mill from Washington County for several years

Beaverton City Council ultimately rejected the Wal-Mart application was that under Beaverton law, the zoning regulations for both the City of Beaverton and Washington County applied to the building application until the City changed the zoning. The County's code requirements were stricter than those of the City regarding the transit-oriented nature of the area.

Last fall, at the request of City planners, the Beaverton Planning Commission approved a change to the way the City applies development codes in annexed areas. Under the changed procedure, the City would continue to apply the County's zoning designations, but not the County code requirements specific to those zones. Instead, the City would apply its own generic code requirements. These requirements are much weaker than those of the county, and in the case of the Peterkort property would strip away County standards for access, pedestrians, building orientation and block size. The net effect would make it easier for developers to get approval of big-box development.

The group that opposed Wal-Mart, "Save Cedar Mill," filed an appeal to the Beaverton City Council that was supposed to be considered at their December 4 meeting. Steve Kaufman reports that, "The County asked for a postponement, as they had just heard about the text amendment and hadn't had time to study its impact. I believe that

bodes well for us in the long run, as I can't believe they'll support an amendment that allows the City to toss out their codes." Stay tuned, we'll report again on this issue after the Council takes it up on February 12.

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we were much better off renting rather than owning a building,” says Thurber.

Through a big volunteer effort over 3000 books were loaded up and moved a mile west to the new facility. The library opened on January 13, 1976 with about 8000 books, all donated, and was run by an all-volunteer staff. In May of that year, a levy succeeded that formed the Washington County Cooperative Library Service (WCCLS). This provided support, both logistical and financial, to the independent non-profit CMCL.

### The Fundraising MESS

Fundraising was an ongoing issue, and once again Odus Bales stepped up with an idea – how about a rummage sale? Dubbed M.E.S.S. (Misc Etc Super Sale) the first one was held in the breezeway between the library and the grocery store, and brought in around \$1000. This annual event eventually spilled out into the parking lot and continued into the '90s. “We were the third largest rummage sale in the area, behind Catlin Gabel and Lincoln High,” Thurber recalls.

In 1987, Jack Thurber, Sue

Peterson (Conger), Mary Packer, Fran Harkins and others began to research a permanent resale shop to support the library. “We made a spreadsheet factoring ten characteristics of successful shops, including the “x-factor”—spirit and dedication. I gave us a ten on that one,” recalls Thurber. Their research gave them the ability to negotiate a loan from the Association board and to project income into the future. In 1988 a space was carved out of the west end of the library building and Second Edition Resale Shop was born. “We made 10-15% over our initial projections during the first year. It has been a very successful operation,” says Thurber, who still volunteers with his wife Georgie. He’s one of the SPUDDs (Super Pickup and Delivery Dude) who take unsold donations to a Portland charity.

### The pros step in

By summer of 1977, the volunteers at the library got some professional help. With the aid of a CETA grant (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) they hired Kathy Mann, who had just received her Masters in library science from the

University of Oregon, as Library Director. The funding also allowed the hiring of a Library Aide.

From this important step of hiring its first paid professional, the library has grown to 50 paid staff (30 full-time equivalent). But the volunteer tradition continued as it

4800 square foot space more than doubled the library’s area. In 1988 the library expanded again, tripling its size to 15,400 feet. In 2001, the 8000 square foot second story was added. Financing for the expansion was provided by Bales for Food, Inc. The library pays for the expansion through a 15-year lease that began in July 2001. The expansion houses offices and other administrative space and the large divisible Community Room.

Peter Leonard is the current Library Director. Before coming to Cedar Mill, he worked at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and was the director of the Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania library. He and his wife enjoy hiking and outdoor activities, and had always thought they’d like to live somewhere in the west. He says, “I wasn’t actively looking for a new job, but when I saw the job posting on the Internet, Cedar Mill seemed like a perfect fit for my background. It was a community-oriented library with strong services and committed staff and volunteers.” He and his wife live within walking distance of the library and he often “commutes” on foot.



Peter Leonard, Library Director, welcomes suggestions from patrons on ways to improve the library

does today. Currently 515 people actively volunteer in the library, donating around 40,000 hours a year.

In 1978 the library moved into part of the space it currently occupies, also owned by Bales. The



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## Biggest independent

Currently open 59 hours per week, the library is the largest non-profit association library in the state (and reportedly the largest west of the Mississippi) and is governed by a Board of Directors elected annually by the Cedar Mill Community Library Association (CMCLA). Residents of the Cedar Mill area pay property taxes to the county library system, but unlike city libraries, pay no additional taxes to provide added support for the library. Membership donations and fundraising activities of CMCLA, comprised of approximately 1000 individuals and families, provide the rest of the library's funding.

Cedar Mill Community Library is one of the fastest growing libraries in the county, serving an area of nearly 50,000 residents. More than 22,000 people now hold Cedar Mill Library Cards. The library provides over 190,000 items in its collection and more than 300 periodical subscriptions. The library ranks second for circulation among individual libraries in the county. In the current



Many local families rely on the large selection of movies and other videos available at the library.

ways, partly because of new media," says Leonard. "25% of our circulation is now self-checkout. Many people rely on our computers for their internet access."

With the planned expansion of the Bethany area, Leonard envisions a Bethany branch of the Cedar Mill Community Library. "We'd like to work with developers to create a space for a library that would be run by volunteers. We're hoping that

people in the area will stand up and support such a move."

### Library website

In the late 1990s one of the library employees put up the first website. Peter Leonard had secured the "cedarmill.org" domain so that the site could be a community ser-

vice for more than just the library. When the employee moved on, the site languished for a while.

I am a website designer by trade, and I found out about the site from Sue Conger when we served together on a Park District committee. I volunteered to bring the site up-to-date and Leonard agreed. That first design, launched in 2000, worked for a couple of years, and then the library was becoming so much more complex that we did a complete redesign in 2002. Dawn Anderson, Assistant to the Director, now does most of the updating of the library site (cedarmill.org/library). We're currently working on revamping the Adult Services section of the site, and Children's Services is next.

On the site, you can search for books, request books from other libraries in the system through the "WILI-net" system that connects all of the WCCLS libraries, renew books, read the monthly newsletter, donate, and find out everything you need to know about library patronage.

Coming soon will be a "Library-

to-Go" program that will let you download books and video files that will expire after a set time. Leonard would like to see the site become more interactive. Online book club discussions, anyone?

### Books are for kids

"We involved children a lot in the early days of the library," recalls Thurber, whose daughter went on to get a degree in library science. Today children often come in and work with their parents as volunteers. The library is a popular place for high school students to put in their needed community service as well.

The library has always had an emphasis on activities for children and families. "Early literacy is one of our strongest programs," Leonard says. This includes two sessions a week of "Baby Time;" "Lap Time" for one-to-two-year-olds twice a week with around 60 lap-sitters per session; "Toddler Time" for two-to-three-year-olds six times per week, 20 per session; and the Preschool Story Time twice a week for about 30 kids each time. The library also sends books out to local daycare homes and facilities.

A new program for "reluctant readers" called "Read to the Dogs," pairs young readers with trained dog-and-handler teams, and helps children develop their reading skills in a relaxed, non-judgmental environment. Parent

Workshops offered in January will focus on the developmental stages of three age groups (0-2, 2-3, 4-5), giving parents information and ideas to help them incorporate early literacy skills into their children's daily activities.

The library has a large collection of children's books in languages other than English to serve our growing immigrant population. Leonard explains that "it's important to have parents reading to their kids at an early age, and it doesn't matter what language the books are in. It helps to get kids ready for school." Titles are in Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Swahili, and dozens of other languages.

### The volunteer tradition

Volunteer Coordinator is an important position at the library. Victoria Eggleston filled the post for several years, and was instrumental in building and retaining the volunteer staff. She moved on last September to become Manager of Volunteer Services for Northwest Medical Teams. Kevin Kelley took over the post in November. She knew Eggleston through their membership in Northwest Oregon Volunteer Administrators Association, of which Eggleston is currently the president. "It's great, because I can call her whenever I have a question," says Kelley.

There are dozens of different types of volunteer jobs at the library, and something to suit every personality and time commitment. (see sidebar). Kelley says, "We always need more people in circulation. We have a good reputation for getting books back on the shelf quickly, and that depends on lots of volunteers. It's fun work, especially for people who like books."

Volunteers are recognized in numerous ways by the library. There is a volunteer dinner in the fall,



Volunteer Coordinator Kevin Kelley chats with a couple of volunteers readying books for re-shelving.

Reading with your children is a great way to prepare them for literacy

year, more than 1.3 million items were checked out of the library representing an 8% increase over the prior year. The library's current operating budget is \$1,820,000, with \$1.5 million coming from the County.

The recently passed levy will allow the library to restore cuts in book budgets and to purchase much-needed computers for public use. More than 90% of the computers in use now are more than five years old, with unreliable components. The library will also be able to stay open Friday evenings once again, and there will be some interior improvements, including reorganizing the reference area. "People are using the library in new



A cozy lounge area in the front of the library houses the ongoing book sale—bring a book, buy a book!

and every time a volunteer puts in another 100 hours, they get to choose a book to add to the library that will bear a bookplate with their name on it. New volunteers get a badge and an orientation program that introduces them to library staff and their new job.

Jack Thurber says, “We are proud of our very competent staff and our enthusiastic corps of volunteers. If there are any ‘secrets’ to the success of this library, perhaps the greatest would be the way the staff and volunteers blend so well to serve the community.”

**Support your library**

There are many ways that you can support the library. You can become a member with any level of donation, and donations at the “Reader” level (\$25) and above receive a variety of benefits ([cedarmill.org/library/support.html](http://cedarmill.org/library/support.html)). You can become a “Supporting Donor” by setting up an automatic debit with your bank. Secure donations may be made online, or call the library at 503-644-0043, ext. 121 for more information. Donations of stock, bequests and other forms of planned giving are welcome. Last year someone donated a very nice

car that was sold to raise funds.

In addition to these programs, the library conducts several fundraising events, including the Plant Sale in the spring. But the major ongoing fundraiser for the library is Second Edition Resale Shop. We’ll cover the shop

in a subsequent issue of The News.

Another way you can support the library is by donating books. If you just can’t wait to read the latest best-seller, bring it to the library when you’re finished. They often like to have several copies of popular books, and will add them to the collection. Last year around \$100,000 worth of donated books were put into circulation! Even paperbacks and older books are welcome donations. Many of them are placed into the Book Sale area in the lobby and the proceeds support the library. What they don’t want—encyclopedias, damaged books, older computer books.

Leonard feels that the large role played by volunteer workers and donors is part of the strength of the Cedar Mill Community Library. “It gives people a feeling of ownership in the library. This is an exciting place. Sometimes I walk out of my office and see 25 volunteers, ten staff people and 100 customers in the building. It’s a real center of the community.”

**Volunteer at Cedar Mill Community Library**

Here are just a few of the jobs needing volunteers. For more information, contact Kevin Kelley at 503-644-0043, x. 111 or [KevinKe@wccs.lib.or.us](mailto:KevinKe@wccs.lib.or.us)

- Computer volunteer – help people use the computers in the reference area – they could really use a few more Spanish-speaking volunteers in this area
  - “Off-loading” returned books
  - “Shelf readers” — putting books back on the shelves after processing
  - Data input for volunteer records
  - Clean and repair audio-visual materials
  - Delivery of books to day-cares and senior centers
  - English as a Second Language (ESL) Discussion Group Leaders
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- Second Edition needs volunteers in many areas:
- Sorting and cleaning clothing and other donations
  - Appraisal and pricing
  - Research antiques
  - Design displays
  - Customer service and sales

Cornell, continued from page 1 built. This second Wesley Chapel served the community for over 40 years. After that it stood vacant for a number of years, life swirling and growing around it where it shared space with an advertising board and tall grass. I remember seeing it



The second Wesley Chapel, built in 1891, was located on Cornell west of Murray, and lasted until 1965

when we moved here in 1964. It was demolished in 1965.

William Cornell eventually moved to Salem where he became involved in the growth of Willamette University. He is buried in that city.

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# CPO 1 To Study Transportation

By Bruce Bartlett, CPO1 Chair

Getting from 'here to there' in our area has always been a challenge, originally because of an absence of any road, then because of an impassable road and, nowadays, because of extremely congested roads. As society has evolved, our demands on our transportation system have exceeded our means to pay for them. A few facts:

- On Highway 217, traffic volumes have increased 100% in 20 years to 120,000 cars a day.
- Currently we have three hours of 'rush hour' traffic a day and it is predicted to increase to ten

hours in 2025.

- Oregon has less taxes and fees per car by half than any other state in America.
- In the Metropolitan area, approximately \$12 billion in transportation needs are identified in the next 15 years but only about \$2 billion in funding is available. Money for modernization is very limited.

So what to do? The first thing I suggest is to thoroughly understand the situation: what is currently planned and funded, what is the additional planning required and what are options to generate

enough money to pay for a meaningful amount of modernization.

In our February 2nd meeting, Citizen Participation Organization #1 (CPO 1 – [www.cpo1friends.org](http://www.cpo1friends.org)) will have a series of speakers discussing regional and local transportation needs, planning and funding. You will notice that the term 'planning' comes up often in this discussion. That is because transportation planning requires at least a 20-year horizon: it takes 20 years to conceive of and implement major transportation improvements.

This year's transportation planning work is very significant. The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP)

and the funding for Washington County's Transportation Plan are all in the works. Growth in the region has occurred faster than expected and factors like an aging population are being recognized, driving deeper changes in the region's overall transportation planning. More details on the fascinating hierarchical system can be found at: [www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=18823](http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=18823).

Join us at the CPO 1 meeting February 2 at 7:00 PM in the Souther Auditorium of St. Vincent's Hospital to learn more about the needs, plans and options for implementing a transportation system for the 21st Century.

## Business Association honors members, donates to library

At it's December meeting, the Cedar Mill Business Association (CMBA) honored June Newcomer for her long years of service to the

group as Treasurer. She recently retired from this position. She was presented with a plaque and a restaurant gift certificate and everyone enjoyed a cake in her honor.



Norman White presents a plaque to June Newcomer as Greg Walker and Pat Mahoney look on.

The CMBA also presented a check for \$500 to Peter Leonard for the Cedar Mill Community Library. "We wanted to give back to the community that supports us," said President Bill Rawson. "The library is such a wonderful asset to our community, and we wanted to share our success."

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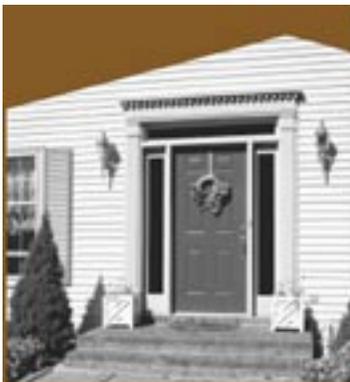
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