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Featured Business

Logo Portland

Ten years ago, as President of the Cedar Mill Little League, Bonnie Kost was having trouble finding a place to get team awards jackets embroidered with the League logo. "How difficult can this be?" she thought. She had sewed all her life, and figured she could get an embroidery machine and do the jackets herself.

After recovering from shock at the cost of the equipment, she purchased a single-head machine and set up a home business. However, she says, "I could see that it would be impossible to manage it around my home and family life and be serious about it. I moved into my current location early in 1996. The business just grew after that."



Bonnie Kost and "shop dog" Rudy

On the walls of her small shop on Cornell are samples of logos and embellished garments for many Cedar Mill companies and organizations. She gets most of her business by word of mouth from satisfied customers. She says the Cedar Mill community has been very supportive of Logo Portland. She counts many of the residents, youth sports organizations, commercial businesses and schools as long-time customers. But her business also includes almost all of the Metro League schools in some capacity, and several private schools and colleges, and customers from all over the state of Oregon, including Bend, Gold Beach, Salem, Corvallis and Philomath, as well as national accounts in Wisconsin, New Jersey, Washington and California.

Kost employs two other women full-time, Cathy Talavera, who has worked for her for five years, and Irma Diaz who has been with her for a year. Both women had previous embroidery

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, June 21, 2005. 4 pm

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: The Cedar Mill Town Center

Speaker: Virginia Bruce, Cedar Mill News

Join us to explore the challenges of creating a town center in an existing suburban business area

History in the News Saltzman Road

by Nancy Olson, co-author, Cedar Mill History

Saltzman Road is a main north-south artery of the Cedar Mill area. It was named for Peter Saltzmann who established a homestead near the crest of Skyline Ridge in 1893. By 1896, the road extended down the east side of the mountain to the river as well. The steep stretch between Saltzmann's place and Laidlaw Road, though still traceable, fell into disuse quite early. The steep part of the eastern branch acted as a fire road in Forest Park. The southern end of Saltzman, joining Cornell near Leedy Grange and Bales Thriftway had several right angle jogs to avoid cutting through old farms and has thus escaped the tendency to designate north-south roads by numbers. This author lived on Saltzman Road in the 1960's and remembers the right angle jogs that caused many accidents before they were stretched out for the Bauer Woods development.

The road has had a long history serving the comings and goings of the community. Parts of the road had been carved out of the wilderness prior to Peter Saltzmann's homestead trail. In 1853 James Flippin claimed 320 acres on upper Saltzman near Burton Road and John B. Hall settled a Donation Land Claim nearby as did the Nickum family. The area was described in John Nickum's will as: *.....wild land covered with brush and timber, except for about 8 or 10 acres that has recently been slashed and no part thereof is in cultivation except a small patch of garden. There is a small house and barn on the premises.*"

In the 1880's the Hamel family purchased 149 acres just off Laidlaw Road, first liv-



A short extension of Saltzman still exists over the hills

ing in a log house and later building a large family farm house. In 1903 they expanded their property by purchasing part of the old Nickum Donation Land Claim. The Henry Bauer family purchased acreage in 1929 which they farmed, and which was developed in 1982 and is now a housing development called Bauer Woods. In 1940 Joe and Bertha Peterkort purchased 131 acres bordering Saltzman Road and harvested wheat and hay in the area until the close of World War II.

Earlier travel along the road posed challenges. Mail was difficult to deliver so a community drop-off box was established. In 1915, Edna Graves Berger aided in distributing mail from the box located on Saltzman
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Cedar Mill Farmers' Market

After struggling for two years to run the non-profit Cedar Mill Farmers' Market after the founding volunteers moved on to other projects, Dina Gross was looking for some help. Though she had the dedicated assistance of her entire family as well as longtime volunteers and supporters like Ursula Davis and Bruce Bartlett, it was still just too much work. Dina had seen how the Lake Oswego market was sponsored by their community park district, and thought that was a good model.

After a lukewarm reception from the Board of Directors of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD), she felt discouraged. But then THPRD General Manager Ron Willoughby called her and said he liked her idea. So this spring THPRD hired Dina to run the market and took over its finances. They will help with publicity and logistics.

The market opened May 28 and will continue every Saturday morning until September 24, from 8 am – 1 pm. Located in the parking lot on the north side of Cornell adjacent to the Cedar Mill Safeway, the market features fresh produce including berries, cherries, and peaches from area farmers, bread and baked goods plus Tazza Café's slow-grilled sausages, hotdogs, and weekly grilled chef specialties for snacks and lunches. French linens, nursery

plants, garden art, rain barrels, recycled wood benches and planters, hand-crafted jewelry and more add a dimension to the market which is missing at most others in the area.

Entertainment and children's activities round out a morning of fun and shopping for



Textiles from Provence brighten up our Farmers' Market again this year

everyone. The market is always looking for volunteers too. It's a fun place for high-schoolers and scouts to help out in the community. To get involved or for any market-related questions, contact Dina Gross, 503-617-1719.

Sentinel Plaza needs your help

The County is looking for volunteers to help with the nurturing of the Sentinel Plaza site at the corner of Cedar Hills Boulevard and Cornell.

County maintenance crews have been performing some basic maintenance, such as cutting the grass, but they can't give the park the TLC that it needs.

The plaza is planted mainly in native species and it could use more planting and careful weeding.

If anyone is interested in gardening and would like to volunteer, please contact Doria Mateja at 503-846-3964

Library Summer Reading Program

The Cedar Mill Community Library, on behalf of all the public libraries in Washington County, obtained grants from Verizon, PGE, Wells Fargo, State Farm and Starbucks to purchase Summer Reading Reward books for all the children in our county who complete the Summer Reading Program. Summertime is library time in Cedar Mill. Parents know that encouraging kids to read over the summer leads to academic success during the school year.

Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds

Summer Reading registration begins June 1. Cedar Mill is hosting a variety of programs and events this summer including a catapult competition, fairytale festival and the ever popular Reptile Man. Schedules and registration information are available in the library. For more information on the Summer Reading program, visit www.wilinet.wccls.lib.or.us/mmerreading/

State Rep. Mitch Greenlick announces June Town Halls

State Rep. Mitch Greenlick will discuss the issues facing the legislature. He invites his constituents to ask questions on any topic that concerns them.

- June 8, 7 pm, Zimmerman Community Center, 816 NW Hoyt St (across from post office)
- June 14, 6:45 pm, Cedar Mill Library, 12505 NW Cornell Rd (at Saltzman)

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The Cedar Mill Wetland

By Marshall Johnson, Land Steward
The Wetlands Conservancy

On Saturday, June 25th, Rock Creek Watershed Partners and The Wetland Conservancy will sponsor a restoration party at the Cedar Mill Wetland. Community residents are encouraged to join the effort to eliminate invasive plants and put in some new native species. To volunteer, contact Amanda Wilson, (503) 614-7630 or wilson_amanda_e@yahoo.com

The Cedar Mill Wetland is a sixteen-acre property located right in the middle of Cedar Mill, just southeast of the Teufel property spanning both sides of Barnes Road. Owned by The Wetland Conservancy, The Wetland has diverse topography and vegetation types. It includes



year-round ponds, forested upland, scrub-shrub areas, and wet meadow communities. A wide variety of wildlife uses the wetland habitat, such as beaver and deer and many species of birds, reptiles, and amphibians.

Cedar Mill is a restored wetland that was excavated and planted with native vegetation approximately ten years ago. If you were around then, you would have wondered at all those white sticks poking up through the water. In-

visible now, they were the beginnings of the restoration project. Historically, this property was a wetland, with (Beaverton's) Johnson Creek meandering through it. During the past century, the property was converted to horse pasture, with Johnson Creek channelized along the south side of the property. As part of mitigation projects by multiple organizations, the property

was later converted back into a wetland. The Wetlands Conservancy acquired the property several years ago and currently holds it for conservation purposes.

On the east side of Barnes Road, the wetland is made up of a series of interconnected ponds with Johnson Creek flowing along the south side. Originally, a weir was constructed to divert a portion of Johnson Creek's flow through the wetland. Beaver have since constructed a large dam upstream of the weir, which serves a similar function. After flowing through the linked ponds, the diverted waters reconnect to Johnson Creek just before the culvert beneath Barnes Road. Johnson Creek continues through the culvert and enters the western portion of the wetland. On the west side of Barnes Road, Johnson Creek flows along the south of the property until it enters a culvert to pass beneath I-26.



Because TWC is a small not-for-profit land conservation agency, we rely on volunteer community groups to help with preservation and restoration of Cedar Mill Wetland. Controlling the spread of non-native invasive weeds is part of the overall site management and restoration program. The focus is to reduce the presence of invasive weeds, while enhancing native plant communities in order to help preserve water quality, wildlife habitat, biodiversity and aesthetics.

The mission of The Wetlands Conservancy (TWC) is to preserve, protect and restore the physical and ecological values of wetlands, other aquatic systems and related uplands through education, research, acquisition and promotion of private and public stewardship. For more information about TWC, please visit our website at www.wetlandsconservancy.org/.

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Community Calendar

June 7

CPO #1 Meeting, 7 pm, St. Vincent's Hospital Souther Auditorium

June 14

State Rep. Mitch Greenlick Town Hall

6:45 pm Cedar Mill Library

June 21

Cedar Mill Business Association, 4 pm Cedar Mill Library

June 25

Cedar Mill Wetland Restoration 9-noon SW Stark/Barnes

June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, July 22

Cedar Mill Park Ivy Pull 9 am - noon, 10385 NW Cornell



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The Nature of Cedar Mill Dear, There's a Deer Here!

Kyle Spinks

Natural Resources Technician, THPRD

Here in this arm of the Coast Range known as the Tualatin Mountains (the West Hills to most of us) you are likely to see deer moving across the road, roaming across the meadows, or munching on vegetables in our yards. The white-tailed deer can be recognized by its tail—tan with an all-white underside that it flashes upward when alarmed. The black-tailed deer (a subspecies of mule deer) is found west of the Cascade Range and has a tail that is all or mostly black on top. This deer also has a distinctive white rump patch that the white-tailed deer is lacking. They are similar in size, with bucks averaging about 150 pounds and does averaging 100-125 pounds. Both are seen around here.

The bucks of both species grow antlers which are shed each winter, usually by March, and grow back each year, typically larger each time. These are not true horns, since they aren't actual outgrowths of the bones of the skull, but are horny structures supported on a pad on the head. The antlers of our two species are distinctly different. The black-tailed deer antlers are fairly evenly forked, with pairs of forks that are upward sweeping. The white-tailed deer antlers have smaller tines that branch off the main tine, rather than paired forks, which are more forward pointing than those of the black-tailed deer.

Early-season antlers are soft and well supplied with blood by a thin layer of skin covered

with fine hairs, called velvet. As the season progresses, the antlers harden and the velvet dries and begins sloughing off. A common myth is that the sloughing velvet is itchy, so the bucks rub their antlers on vegetation to remove the old skin. The real reason for rubbing trees and shrubs is to mark territory. Bucks will scrape the bark and leaves off the woody vegetation then rub their two facial glands on the trees to identify themselves to other bucks, and to receptive breeding does.

Most of us are delighted to see deer in the area, but sometimes they can cause problems. As with dealing with other urban wildlife that may become problematic in our yards, there are specific things we can do to make their visits less bothersome. Here are a few tips to limit any problems that arise when these deer decide to visit:

- ⊙ Use landscaping plants that deer don't find tasty. Lists are available in such books as *Landscaping for Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest* (available at our library) and *Deer Proofing Your Yard & Garden*.
- ⊙ Make sure you pick up the fruit from your trees and shrubs. An added benefit is that this gleaned will reduce the wasps that also like the fallen fruit!
- ⊙ Landscape your yard to make it uninviting. Deer will often use an entry location repeatedly, so planting deer-repellant plants



Black-tailed deer

at that location will discourage their entry. Also, taller shrubbery is harder for deer to move or see through. Planting hedgerows of taller shrubbery will deter entry into those areas.

- ⊙ If you have a fence, make the 'landing area' on your side of the fence hard to hit. That is, increase the width of your garden beds so that deer that leap your fence won't be able to land as safely...or at all!

Preventing mail theft

A couple of months ago, a Cedar Mill street suffered a rash of mailbox thefts. Thieves used a credit card they found in one of the mailboxes to go out and buy TWO CADILLACS! Another area suffered thefts when someone followed the mail truck around and swiped all the packages that had been delivered.

These stories make us think about the importance of mailbox security. Many of our homes are set back from the street, and most times residents aren't home when the mail is delivered. We asked Doreen Rivera, Crime Prevention Specialist for Washington County Sheriff East Precinct, to give us some tips on mail safety.

Do not mail bills or other important documents from a standard type mailbox.

Always use a blue drop box or locking mailbox.

A red flag up is a signal from blocks away that there is new mail going out.

Never send cash or coins in the mail. Use checks, money orders or pay by phone transfers or on the payees' website.

Ask your bank to have check re-orders and credit cards delivered to them instead of mailing them to your house.

Shred all credit card offers that come in the mail. The national credit bureaus offer a toll-free number that enables consumers to opt-out of all **pre-approved credit offers** with just one phone call. Call 1-888-5OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688) for more information.

If you do a lot of business by mail, use a P.O. box or a locking mailbox.

Have your local post office hold your mail while you are on vacation or absent from your



home for a long period of time.

If you do not receive a check, food coupon or other valuable mail you are expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.

If you see people opening and looking in multiple mailboxes, call 911 immediately.

Consider starting a Neighborhood Watch Program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes). If you observe a mail thief at work, you can call the local police immediately and then the nearest postal inspector.

If you believe your mail has been stolen, report it immediately to your local postmaster or nearest Postal Inspector. You will be asked to complete PS Form 2016, Mail Theft and Vandalism Complaint. Analysis of Forms 2016 helps Postal Inspectors in determining if the theft of your mail is isolated or part of a larger mail theft problem in your neighborhood, and in locating and apprehending mail thieves.

Cedar Mill Park project continues

On May 19th, twelve Boy Scouts from Troop 208 spent three hours of a cloudy morning while they were off from school, pulling ivy at Cedar Mill Park. The boys got into the spirit of the effort by competing to see who could pull out the longest vine. Several specimens over 20 feet long were proudly displayed before being bundled off in the tarp.

This is part of an ongoing effort of Rock Creek Watershed Partners and Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation to clear invasive species from the natural area of one of Cedar Mill's few parks. The scouts finished clearing the area at the upper end of the park that had been started during the May 7 No Ivy Day cleanup. More sessions are scheduled for June and July (see sidebar), in hopes of getting the park cleared up in time for the Concert in the Park on August 2nd. The lower area of the park is really choked with ivy, and has a number of threatened trees. This is where future sessions will take place.

Andre Farci is an Assistant Scout Master who has a twelve-year-old son in the troop, and is running a clinic on the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Andre explained, "As part of one of their merit badges required for

the Eagle Scout badge, our scouts are learning a lot more about our local community. And through their volunteering efforts, they're also making a difference – enhancing the natural environment of our parks by removing invasive plants such as ivy."

Troop 208 of the Sunset Trail District currently has 109 Boy Scouts from the Cedar Mill / Terra Linda community. The troop has been developing youth leaders for more than a quarter of a century and most recently has been setting records in its devotion to service. In 2004, Troop 208 logged over 2700 service hours and in 2005 has already logged 1100 hours, supporting projects such as the Oregon State Parks, Tualatin Hills Parks, Beaverton Schools, Homeless Shelters in



Scouts Brian Whitney, Brian Farci and Jordan Barducci display their catch

Portland and Tigard.

Participating Scout Brian Whitney says, "My greatest motivation for helping out in the community is knowing that the outcome will be great; not only will it help us, but it will help those around us, too."

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Cedar Mill Park Ivy Pull

All events are on Fridays and will go from 9 am-noon. Free snacks and drinks; tools and gloves provided

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experience before joining Logo Portland.

The large, automated multi-head sewing machines in the shop are controlled by computer programs. The machines are expensive but durable. But the computer software requires frequent updates and they use four different software packages to cover all the different types of embroidery. "Software is my biggest expense," says Kost. "It runs around \$20,000 for all of it." There are three machines, one with two heads, one with four and one with six heads. The business recently added a cad cutting machine to streamline the "tackle twill" and appliqué jobs.



"Most of our customers come in with some kind of logo," she says. "We can help them clean it up, or add lettering, but it's most successful when they have their artwork already." Then the work begins for Kost, who must analyze the design and basically program each stitch – color, direction of the stitches and more. Sometimes a design must be built up in layers, so that certain features stand out from the background.

Customers can select items to be embroidered from catalogs and from a few sample garments she keeps in the store. "Most of our garment sources are one or two-day delivery. Occasionally, either with a specialty item or a size or color out of stock in Portland, Seattle or Reno, garments come from across the country. Our favorite hat company is in Eugene. We do value local distributors and try to order locally as much as possible, but in the end, most customers are very specific about what they want and it cannot always be purchased locally," Kost explains.

One of the most unusual items they work on are called "trailer boots." These are padded leggings for horses to protect their legs while they're being hauled about in a trailer. The padding is very thick and the material is tough, so they're difficult to work on.

Kost's team takes great pride in the work they do. "Everything that goes out the door must be perfect," she declares. "And we've never missed a deadline." One of their biggest challenges came from the Sunset lacrosse team. "We

had to do separate designs on each side of the shorts, 73 pairs or 146 hoops as we call it, and we only had one day. But we managed to get it done in time for them to wear their uniforms against Lake Oswego. And they won!" she remembers proudly.

"I still get excited when I can take a complicated design and make it come out right," Kost says. She shows a recent creation for a Reedville baseball team, with several shades of red separated into tiny flames coming off the ball.

Kost has lived in Cedar Mill for 25 years. She loves being a couple of minutes away from home and where her friends, old and new, can stop by to chat. She belonged to the Business Association several years ago, but let her membership lapse when the organization got bogged down in politics. She's glad that

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her neighbor in the building, Greg Walker of Walker Garbage, convinced her to rejoin. She welcomes the networking opportunities and enjoys keeping up on local issues.

Logo Portland is located at 12847 NW Cornell Rd. Their phone number is 503-644-3344. They're open from 8:30-3 weekdays, other times by appointment. Their website is www.logoportland.com.

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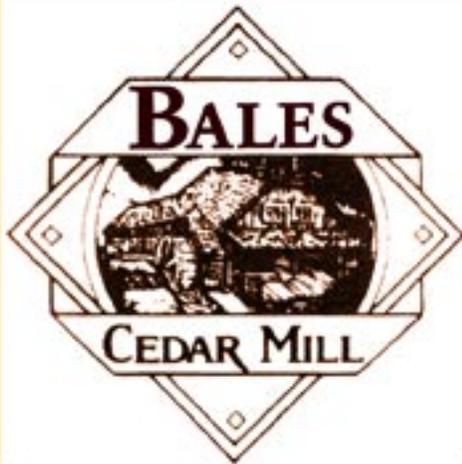
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Annexation legislative update

by Jerry Ritter, OCVA

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[As we did last month, we asked Jerry Ritter of Oregon Communities for a Voice in Annexation to summarize legislative activity on the annexation issue during this past month. Here's what he says:]

House Bill 2484 (amends ORS-195 Sections 205-215 to require double majority voter approval for 'service provider' annexations): This bill passed the House 45 - 13 and is now scheduled for a hearing in Senator Charlie Ringo's Environment & Land Use Committee on Thursday, June 2 at 8 am.

House Bill 3084 (Prohibits the use of a street as one boundary of an Island): This bill is intended to stop the practice of "cherry-stemming" by cities to intentionally create islands which they can then annex with no vote. According to our capitol sources, the bill has been stopped by Speaker Karen Minnis.

Senate Bill 887A (provides long-term immunity against forced annexation to Nike and several other businesses; Places a 2-year moratorium on certain types of annexations; Establishes an interim task force to recommend annexation law changes to the 2007 Legislature): SB 887A passed in the Senate with only 2 "no" votes. It was amended by the House Land Use Committee, which then unanimously moved the bill to the House Floor on May 27. If

it passes the House, it will return to the Senate for consideration of the House amendments.

SB 887A is clearly the bill the Legislature intends to move. We have not seen the House-amended version yet. As passed by the Senate, it really provided no meaningful or lasting annexation reform, except for a few businesses. This is why we have been trying to persuade Senator Ringo and Representative Minnis to move the other two bills.

The public outcry over annexations and the annexation reform effort boil down to one question: "Should those most impacted by annexations have a meaningful voice in the process?" Public entities (funded with public money), such as The League of Oregon Cities, have been steadfast and vehement in their opposition to allowing the public a greater voice in annexation matters. It remains to be seen if the House amendments to SB 887A address the problem or simply sweep it under the rug for two years.

[Mitch Greenlick, our state representative, says, "An amended version of SB887 (Ringo and Greenlick) passed out of the House Committee on Land Use this afternoon. It stops Beaverton for two years, sets a task force in place to re-

think annexation, gives annexation protection for Nike and Columbia Sportswear, adds Tektronix and ESI to that protection, and does a couple of other things. It will probably be voted on in the House next week and will go back to the senate for agreement on the amendments.

"HB 2722, stopping the 3 mile veto on the formation of a new city is sitting in Sen. Ringo's committee waiting for action."]

The text of SB 887A should be up on the legislature's website this week. To read the full text of this and other bills, visit www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/home.htm





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Road near Burton Road. On her way home from school she picked up mail and delivered to the Wismers on Burton Road, then walked up Saltzman to the Owens' house, the several Hamel homes, the Thompsons and Findleys before arriving at her home on upper Saltzman and Laidlaw roads.

Today's Saltzman Road contains bits and pieces of the past and still serves an ever growing population. Peter Saltzmann would shake his head in wonder at the traffic along the road that bears his name (and what happened to that second "n"?)

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