



# Cedar Mill News

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## Featured Business

### World of Smiles Pediatric Dentistry

By Virginia Bruce

Dr. Michelle Stafford decided to become a dentist when she was in high school while working for an orthodontist. "I have always been surrounded by children, and I believe that some people are just naturally good with kids. My love of children guided me into dedicating my career to pediatric dentistry," she explains. Her practice, in the Barnes Dental/Medical Campus, opened in August this year to serve infants through teenagers.

Dr. Stafford grew up in Apple Valley, California. She earned her Doctorate of Dental Surgery at the Arthur A. Dugoni, University of the Pacific, Dental School in Stockton. She then completed her residency in Pediatric Dentistry at the Chil-

mediate surrounding community and all it has to offer." They started putting the office together early in 2008, and held a Grand Opening celebration in August.

She had been thinking for a long time about the kind of office environment she wanted to create. She loves to travel, so she has turned the office into an international adventure. Various parts of the office depict different world regions, including North America, Venezuela and Japan. Framed photos that she and her friends have taken on their travels line the walls, and stuffed animals and artwork reflect each regional theme. Her father built the walls that separate the treatment areas to look like the walls of an airplane,



dren's Hospital of Michigan. After practicing in the San Francisco Bay Area for five years, she moved to Michigan to attend the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Pediatric Dental Residency Program. While in Michigan, she also earned a Certificate in Public Health.

She moved to Oregon and began searching for a good location for her office. She says, "I found the Barnes Dental/Medical Campus with a diverse and very well-respected group of dentists. I realized that the location was exactly what I was looking for as I adore the im-

mediate surrounding community and all it has to offer." They started putting the office together early in 2008, and held a Grand Opening celebration in August.

A large fish tank is the focus of the waiting area, with a resident water turtle. Also, a reptile terrarium holds Camelon the chameleon, who peeks out from the foliage to delight young visitors. An yellow road pattern is laid into the flooring and continues throughout the office, leading travelers on their way. Each new patient is given an inflatable globe to take home to help them learn about world travel.

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## Next Meeting

### Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, November 11. 11:45 am - 1 pm

Place: Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Topic: Tax planning for 2008 and 2009 for small businesses and individuals

Speaker: Alan Levine, C.P.A.

The Cedar Mill Business Association's meetings are free and open to anyone interested in business in Cedar Mill

## History in the News

### A Century—Cedar Mill

by Gertrude Walters Pearson Landauer

*This is an excerpt from a memoir written by the granddaughter of Cedar Mill's first settler. I found a copy in a Cedar Mill History book that I purchased at Powell's. The original is in the archives of the Washington County Historical Society, which has given us permission to print it. It was probably written around 1950, so many of the places it refers to no longer exist. —VB*

#### Part one: Cedar Mill's first settler, Samuel Walters

To the people of Cedar Mill, old and new, we hope you enjoy this story of the history of the area and a look at the past.

Samuel Walters, my grandfather, probably the first settler in Cedar Mill, was a farmer at heart and sought fertile land for farming. On his arrival in Portland after coming from Pennsylvania by covered wagon, he was urged by H. King of King's Heights and other early Portlanders to settle near the river where there would be a growing metropolitan community, but he preferred to cross "the mountain" to the valley where he could farm.

After reports reached the area of the Gold Rush in California, Samuel started on foot with a wheelbarrow and light provisions for that country. He joined other travelers on the way. On his return, in 1848, he stopped to file a Donation Land Claim for a quarter section of land whereon he settled and planted two waxen apple trees

he had carried from California. One of the trees still stands on the Sam Walters property nearly across from the site of the Wolfers barn (near the corner of 107<sup>th</sup> and Leahy Road). It can be seen in full bloom early in the spring and with a heavy crop of apples in late summer.

Before Grandfather could start farming, many hours of arduous work were necessary to clear trees, since the land was heavily forested with stands of fir and cedar trees. Cedar was most prevalent along the creeks and fir predominant elsewhere. A method of boring and burning was used to fall the trees. The trunk was bored, chips in-

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Samuel Walters and his wife Naomi Oliver, with three of their eleven children in 1871 (photo courtesy Gertrude Walters Pearson)

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# Cedar Mill Business Association Member News

Do you have news or events or know of something that you would like to see covered in the Cedar Mill News? Please write to Virginia Bruce at [vrb@teamweb.com](mailto:vrb@teamweb.com)

## Craft & Gift Show at Sunset Athletic Club

Everyone (including non-members!) is invited to Sunset Athletic Club's 5th annual Craft and Gift Show, Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm. Please join us in ringing in the holidays with a fabulous variety of giftables from jewelry, garden art, scarfs, pet portraits to collage pillows, ceramics, note cards and more! There will be a raffle for an original acrylic pet portrait from local artist Kellee Beaudry. A portion of the money will go to The Oregon Food Bank and we will also have an ongoing food drive.

## And for what to wear for the holidays...

Visit Second Edition on Friday, November 7 for their annual holiday rollout of seasonal clothing and jewelry for all ages. The shop will be closed from 5-6 pm, then glamorous holiday outfits will be unveiled and for sale from 6-8 pm. Delicious light refreshments will be served. Come find a great look for the holidays at an unbeatable price! Second Edition Resale Shop is an ongoing fundraiser for the Cedar Mill Community Library. The shop is at the east end of the library building.

## Cedar Mill Realty adds staff

Floyd Stewart has announced that Jennifer McNair is joining Cedar Mill Realty as a broker who will be working with both buyers and sellers. Contact Floyd or Jennifer at 503-740-0146 for all your real estate needs, or visit the website at [CedarMillRealty.com](http://CedarMillRealty.com).

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## Bales Holiday Show—Jazz Up your holiday entertaining

Bales Marketplace Cedar Mill will host their annual Holiday Show with food and wine tasting and a special appearance by the Sunset High School Jazz Band on Friday, November 7 from 4:30 pm. The show will run from 3-7 pm on both Friday November 7 and Saturday, November 8 with 60 tables of food and beverage ideas, tasting and demonstrations throughout the store.

Winemakers including Anne Amie and Stag Hollow, and breweries including Deschutes, Rogue and Bridgeport, will have representatives on hand to discuss their holiday offerings and provide samples. Bales' Wine Steward Steve Gale will be taking case orders for your holiday entertaining.

As always, Bales' meat department will be taking orders for turkeys including organic and extra-large birds, and also for their

## Village Gallery—Holiday Bazaar and more

The annual Holiday Bazaar will begin on November 11th and continue throughout the month of November and December. The bazaar will be open the normal hours of the gallery—10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday and from noon-4pm on Sundays. They are closed

on Mondays. Come in to shop for original arts & crafts created by our local artist members.

The public is invited to an artist reception for featured artist Allen Greene on Sunday, November 9th from 2-4pm in The Village Gallery of Arts.



Garibaldi, by Allen Greene

## Art for your office

If you'd like to raise the level of culture in your place of business, as well as support local artists, Village Gallery of Arts has a deal for you!

Any local business that has a public space available for a display can contact the gallery and arrange for an outside show. Publicity Director Judy McVatne says, "We bring the paintings in and hang the show. The size of the show depends on the size and location of the

venue. The art work is for sale with the profits paid to the artist and a portion to the Village Gallery."

Businesses who may be interested in hosting a show are welcome to visit the gallery to see their current show as that is a representation of members' art work, or visit them online at [villagegalleryarts.org](http://villagegalleryarts.org). For more information, contact Village Gallery Board President Lenall Siebenaler at 971-235-7706.

## New area business addresses burning problem—your time and money

A study reported in Newsweek states that the average American burns 55 minutes a day—roughly 12 weeks a year—looking for things they know they own but can't find. 23% of adults say they pay bills late (and so incur late fees) because they lose them, according to Harris Interactive. These days who can afford to lose time or money?

NW Organizing Solutions, a new business in the Cedar Mill area, provides help to individuals, families, and home businesses to beat these statistics. Beth Giles, Professional Organizer, assesses the areas that need organizing, evaluates the goals for the space, and designs an organizing plan to fit the client's needs. For more information contact Beth at 503-709-0791 or visit [nworganizingsolutions.com](http://nworganizingsolutions.com).



own delectable smoked hams and other holiday favorite meat and seafood items.

In addition to samples from Bales' bakery, meat and fish, produce, and other departments, the deli will have samples of their Holiday Dinner packages. You can order your choice of a complete Turkey or Ham Dinner with all the trimmings, ready for you to pick up on the morning of the holiday. Have a stress-free holiday with the help of Bales' Deli!



## Nuts & Crackers will delight all ages

The Harmony School proudly presents its third annual performance of Nuts and Crackers on Saturday, December 13 at the school located at 12849 NW Cornell

## 2009 Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage Plans starts November 15

If you or a loved one is eligible for Medicare, then you might be interested in attending one of the FREE, upcoming Community Meetings at Tilly's Gelato & More (next to Walgreen's). All meetings start at 10:30 AM on the following dates: November 18 & 25 and December 3 & 9, 2008. The presenter is CMBA board member Mike Irinaga, who is an Independent Agent for the AARP MedicareComplete plans by SecureHorizons. Learn the A, B C & D's of

## CMBA Meeting notes

The big news to announce is that we have decided to start our meetings a little earlier from now on, at 11:45, so we can have more time to network and get lunch and introductions out of the way before we start the more-structured part of the meeting. Of course, not everyone will be able to get away from work early, but you can still come in and grab your pizza at noon if that works better for you.

Membership dues for 2009 will be going up from the current \$70/yr to \$85/yr. Increasing activities of the group (Adopt-a-landscape, Farmer's Market and other outreach opportunities and more) means increased costs for administration and expenses. However, have we got a deal for you! Renew your membership or join by the date of the December Holiday Party (December 9) and you will only have to pay \$70! You can use the form on page 11, or use our PayPal website payment after November 15 if you prefer to pay with your credit card. Visit [cedarmill.org](http://cedarmill.org)

Rd. This family-friendly comedy lends a different slant to an old Holiday Classic. With a modern musical score and dance styles, The Harmony School students will charm and delight the whole family.

The matinee performance will begin at 3 pm

followed by an evening performance at 5 pm. All tickets can be purchased for \$5 at The Harmony School. For information please call 503.626.0166 or visit [www.theharmonyschool.org](http://www.theharmonyschool.org)

Medicare. Information about the SecureHorizons Medicare Advantage, Medigap, and Prescription Drug Programs will be provided. Seats are limited, so please call 503-223-9797 or email [mike@nw-insure.com](mailto:mike@nw-insure.com) to reserve your space now. Come and bring a friend for a complimentary cup of organic coffee and a scone and get your 2009 Medicare questions answered. A sales representative will be present with information and applications.

[cedarmill.org/CMBA](http://cedarmill.org/CMBA) for more information and to access the PayPal form. If you need an invoice for your membership dues, contact CMBA administrator Virginia Bruce, [vrb@teamweb.com](mailto:vrb@teamweb.com) or 503-629-5799.

At the October 14 meeting, we presented a check for \$1000 to representatives of Beaverton School District's program for homeless students. The money will go for the Birthday Club at Sunset High School. Each homeless student (currently around 100) will receive a Target gift card and a birthday card. This is often the only gift they get, and the kids really appreciate it. CMBA plans to continue to support the Sunset Birthday Club in future years.

Sandy Sahagian used her "10 minutes of Fame" to tell us about her portrait photography business. She's a third-generation photographer, and offers portraits for seniors, families, business portraits and wedding packages. She is also a highly-skilled

## Huntington Learning Center Opens in Bethany Village

Huntington Learning Center, located at 15220 NW Laidlaw Rd. in Bethany Village, recently opened its doors to students struggling with basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, spelling, phonics, study skills, as well as other factors that play a role in academic achievement.

Center operator Dr. Theresa Cassidy and her staff will offer personalized instruction by certified teachers to local students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Dr. Cassidy has over 35 years experience in education as a teacher and school administrator with a career focus in curriculum development, assessment and special education.

In addition to providing on-site instruction, Huntington Learning Center of Portland, Bethany Village will also work with local schools to ensure that area educators and guidance counselors are aware of the services that are offered to struggling students. The Center will also offer individualized one-to-one instruction to help students prepare for the SAT and ACT.

For more information about Huntington Learning Center, please call Dr. Cassidy at 503 533-4020, or visit [huntingtonlearning-center.com](http://huntingtonlearning-center.com).

## Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

### Cedar Mill ranks high statewide

Based on statistics from the year ending July 2008, Cedar Mill Community Library has moved up in statewide rankings. Circulating more than 1.7 million items, Cedar Mill now ranks 6th for highest circulation of any library in Oregon: (1-Multnomah, 2- Eugene, 3-Beaverton, 4-Deschutes, 5-Hillsboro, 6-Cedar Mill). Cedar Mill remains in 3rd place overall in Washington County but tops the list for children's material borrowing in the county and # 2 in the state after Multnomah.

### Calling All Immigrants!

As part of our celebration of Oregon's sesquicentennial and our participation in the Oregon Reads program, Cedar Mill Community Library is planning to launch an oral history project that will podcast on our website beginning in January 2009.

If you are an immigrant to the United States—or the child of an immigrant—we invite you to share your family's story with our community.

For more information about participating in this exciting program, please contact Lynne Erlandson at 503 644-0043, ext 132, or Mark Richardson at ext 131.



Beaverton School District Homeless/Social Support Liaisons accept the donation from CMBA Board Members (L-R) Sandy Sahagian, Mike Irinaga, Lisa Mentasana (BSD), Michael McIntyre, Mary Metheny (BSD), Lauren McCabe, Dean Shade, Ryan Egge and Becky Jarvis

restoration artist. She can take your damaged old family pictures and give you back images that look like they just came from the camera.

Washington County Project Managers Matt Costigan (Saltzman project) and Al Girard (Murray/Cornell project) presented information about the upcoming and already-underway road projects in Cedar Mill (see articles, page 6-7). We are getting bi-weekly "look-ahead" updates that indicate the work that will be performed on the Cornell/Murray project, and these are available in PDF form for you to download

from the light-green stripe above the home page of the Cedar Mill News ([cedarmill.org/news](http://cedarmill.org/news)).

At this month's meeting on November 11, Cedar Mill CPA Alan Levine will clue us in on taxes: what should you be sure to take care of before year's end for your 2008 taxes, and what to plan for in 2009. The information will be geared to both small businesses and personal taxes. Be sure to join us for that, and don't forget to come at 11:45 if you can. As always, free pizza, bring your own beverage.

# Terra Nova student farmers offer veggies

By Paul Hudak, Farmer/Crew Leader, Terra Nova High School

Terra Nova High School, located on NW Thompson in the Bonny Slope area, is a small Beaverton School District option for students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Our school is a partnership between the Beaverton School District and the Northwest Regional Education Service District. Terra Nova is Oregon's only Big Picture ([www.bigpicture.org](http://www.bigpicture.org)) school, focused on identifying individual student passions and establishing academic, internship and

community experiences that help students demonstrate proficiency in high school graduation requirements.

One of the exciting projects we have going on at Terra Nova is the Terra Nova Community Farm. This past spring we received a grant from the Gray Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation that is allowing us to turn a portion of the schoolyard into a small student-run farm. The main goals

of this program are to educate students about sustainable agriculture, small business management and building community around the farm.

With my guidance the students will turn the 3/4 acre plot into a small farm using organic growing techniques. The students are involved in every step of the process from planning what crops to grow to marketing to teaching community members about what they are learning.

In addition to working in the gardens planting and weeding, the students' classroom lessons in science and math are closely tied to the farm. Students earn high school credit through their internship on the farm and other independent research projects.

Terra Nova Community Farm will be run as a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Families or individuals will "invest" in the CSA at the beginning of the season and will in turn receive their share of healthy farm-fresh produce every week. This model is growing in popularity and is an excellent opportunity for people to gain a complete understanding of where their food is coming from. In our case it would mean coming out to the farm once a week to get your produce. Students will be on hand to tell you



Our helpful neighbor Greg Malinowski breaking ground with his tractor

about what they've grown. We will be offering 15 shares at the cost of \$500 each for the season (May 30-October 17). This works out to under \$25 per week for enough veggies to feed a family of 4. In a day and age when food commonly travels hundreds of miles from field to our plate and is grown in a manner that is not ecologically responsible we are proud to offer an option that will benefit the community, the students of Terra Nova and the environment. Please feel free to contact us at 503-297-1566 or [Phudak@nwresd.k12.or.us](mailto:Phudak@nwresd.k12.or.us) if you are interested in the C.S.A or if you have any questions about Terra Nova.



Paul Hudak (R) and his students building a cold frame for winter lettuce

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# Dark-sky friendly lighting comes to Washington County

by Bruce Bartlett, Chair, Citizen Participation Organization #1

The International Dark-Sky Association ([www.darksky.org](http://www.darksky.org)) fights light pollution, which it defines as any adverse effect of artificial light including sky glow, glare, light trespass, light clutter, decreased visibility at night, and energy waste. They estimate that Americans waste \$2-4 billion dollars a year, and create 38 million tons of carbon dioxide, in addition to other pollutants, through wasteful lighting uselessly pointed at the heavens. And there are effects on wildlife, and aesthetic effects as well, leading many local residents to ask, "where did all my stars go?"

Efficient street lighting directs the light toward the things that need to be lit. CPO 1 member Erik Mace recently wrote a typical comment: "A developer just completed phase 1 of a project in Westhaven, right behind St. Vincent's, and the lights are horrible at night!" In terms of public safety, very little crime occurs above the streetlights so why are the second stories of so many houses brightly lit?

Up until now, the answer has been tradition, ignorance, and the lack of specifications in the Washington County Community Development Code requiring non-polluting lights.

Now, the good news is that Washington County has recently revised its street light illumination standards to require "Dark Sky" compliant fixtures on all streets in both new developments and on county roadways. Design requirements include level of lighting and type of fixture. Some of the impor-

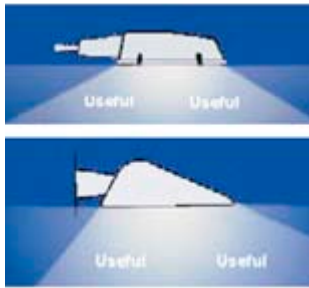
tant considerations are: no light projected above the horizontal; properly designed lighting layouts; only the level of lighting needed for the designated use; minimized glare and "light trespass." Washington County requires lighting layouts by licensed lighting designers which are reviewed by County for consistency with County standards for the roadway classification and specific application.

According to Tom Tushner, the Washington County Traffic Engineer who is responsible for the new standards, the new standards apply to the full range of functional roadway classifications (arterial, collector and local streets). "We will be working with the cities in examining a range of fixtures that meet our standards and make transfer of jurisdiction of roadways at the lower functional classifications (local and neighborhood streets) because the long term plan for the County is that these will be city streets eventually," Tushner said. "There will

be circumstances where we have to match or closely match existing fixtures that will not in totality meet the new standards. For example, on the Murray project from Cornell to Highway 26 the consultant has come up with an acorn fixture that

is dark-sky friendly, and nearly matches the look of the fixtures used in the adjacent Cornell Road project."

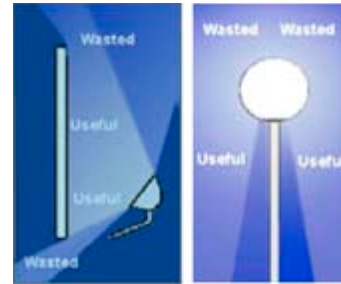
The county adopted Dark Sky standards for major road projects last spring, but they have now been extended to all public roads. There are many already-approved development plans using the old standards that will have to work their way through the system, so it will take several years before the new



*The Good, Bad and Ugly of outdoor lighting illustrates how different fixtures produce useful or wasted light. These are good...*



*These are bad...*



*and these are UGLY!*

standards are fully implemented. Existing lighting systems will not be affected, although CPO 1 may do some research to identify simple and relatively inexpensive fixes for problem lights.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about problem street lights, contact Nancy Schmidt, the county's Street Lighting Coordinator, at (503-846-7619, or [nancy\\_schmidt@co.washington.or.us](mailto:nancy_schmidt@co.washington.or.us)).



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# Murray Road Project update

Now that the first phase of construction is underway on the Murray Road Improvement Project, we thought it would be a good time to review what improvements are planned and offer information about the work schedules and what travelers in the area can expect throughout the next months of construction.

Washington County decided to combine the Murray/Cornell intersection and Murray widening project with a project to improve the intersections of Science Park Drive and 143<sup>rd</sup> with Cornell (see July '08 issue), so that they could work with a single contractor and project manager. The winning bid for the job was submitted by Northwest Earthmovers, Inc. and work is progressing on the western segment of the project, which is due to be completed later this year.

The Murray project will widen NW Murray Blvd. from the Highway 26 overpass to Cornell Road. There will be five lanes (two through-travel lanes in each direction and a northbound left-turn lane) between 26 and Science Park Drive. Five to seven lanes will open up north of there to Cornell: two through-travel lanes in each direction, a southbound left-turn lane providing

access into the businesses on the east side of Murray, two northbound left turn lanes and a northbound right-turn lane onto Cornell.

Access from Cornell to the (now nearly vacated) lots along the east side of Murray will be limited to a right-in/right-out driveway near the present southernmost driveway. When all the roadwork is complete, the county will sell the property it has acquired at an auction, and the future developer will likely put the main access into the new development on Joy, the street that runs parallel to Murray to the east.

Access to businesses on the west side of Murray will also be changed. The existing driveway next to Key Bank will be closed. Because a median will stretch between Cornell and the Key Bank entrance, the two remaining driveways will be right-in/right-out only. Northbound travelers who want to drive to these businesses will need to turn left onto Science Park Road and enter via the existing driveway. Drivers will use the existing driveway that runs along the west side of the businesses to access them.

On Murray north of Cornell, the first driveway into the lube shop will be closed. Access into that business and the Miller Paint store will be combined.

An eastbound right-turn lane

will be added to Cornell onto Murray southbound. The eastbound right-turn lane from Murray to Cornell will extend about half a block before merging into the current single eastbound lane.

Cedar Mill Place, on the south side of Cornell west of Murray, will get an expanded entrance at the current location.

Access to the Sunset Mall (Safeway) parking lot will be largely unchanged, although the eastern driveway will be modified to be right-out only, and the central driveway will be expanded.

Bike lanes will be added on both sides of the west segment of Cornell near the intersection, and to Murray between Cornell and Science Park on both sides. Tri-Met will construct a bus shelter at the northwest corner of Murray and Science Park in front of Key Bank.

Sidewalks will be installed throughout the project. Streetlights have been selected to comply with the county's new dark-sky-friendly lighting regulations that will also have a similar appearance to the style of lights that were put in during the first Cornell project, but without the upward glare.

County Project Manager Al Girard, who took over from Alex Sander who retired in June, says that right-of-way acquisition for

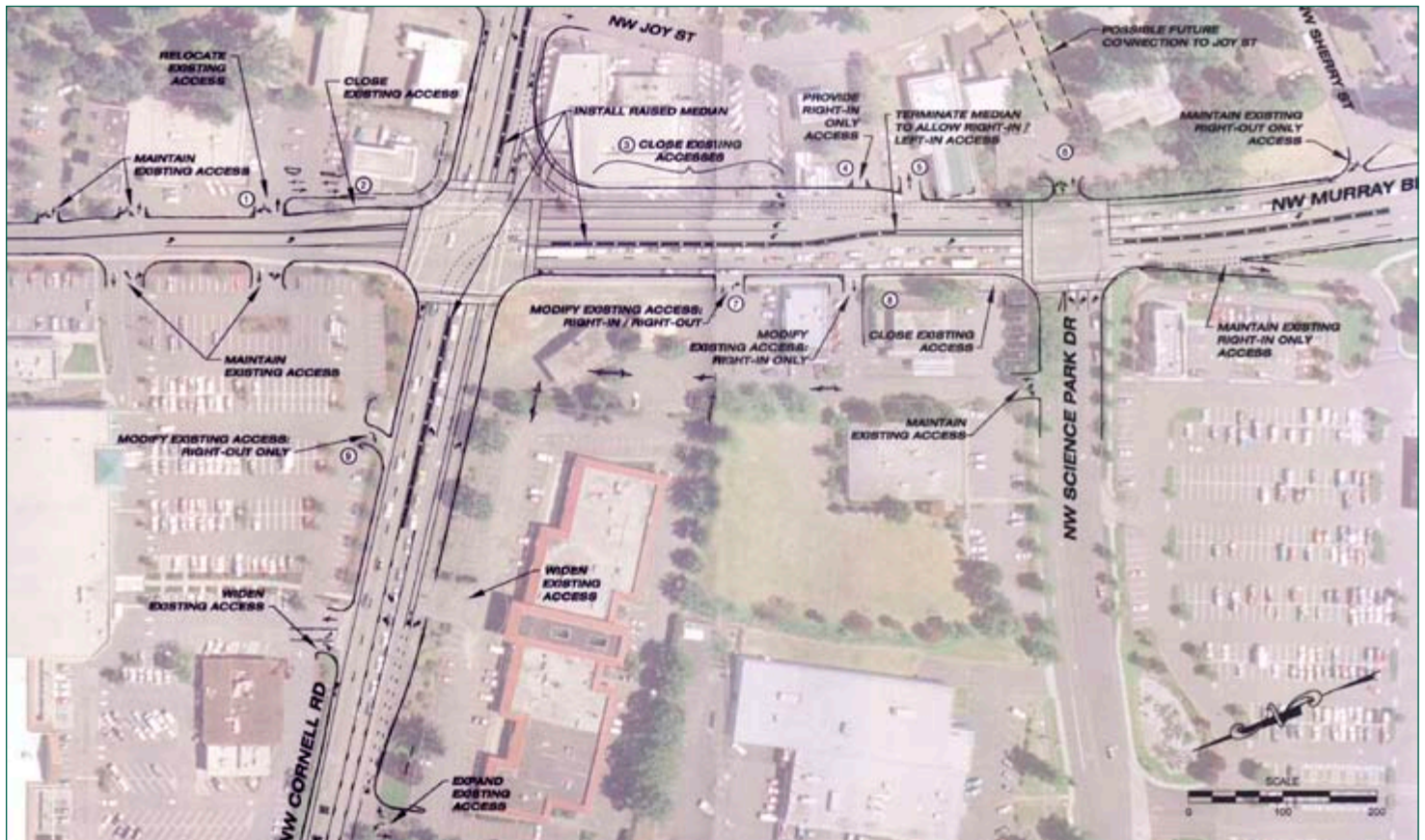
the Murray project is complete. Humdinger was the first building to be razed for the project. The Sunset Shopping Center at the corner of Murray and Cornell will be demolished later, because the property owner needs to complete work to remove asbestos from the building as well as to contain and remediate any ground contamination from the dry cleaning business that was part of the center.

The contractor has already begun work on a water-quality swale and some sewer improvements nearby. As part of the project, utilities will be put in underground vaults between Science Park and Cornell along Murray. This will be the first "in-road" construction to take place, slated to begin shortly and continue through the winter until around February. As with any major road project, weather and unforeseen problems can affect the schedules.

Work on the water system will follow, with actual road construction set to begin in March 2009 and continue through July. Signals will be installed starting in May, and the current project completion date is August 2009.

All of the businesses affected by the construction have been notified, and they are getting regular updates with project contact information. At

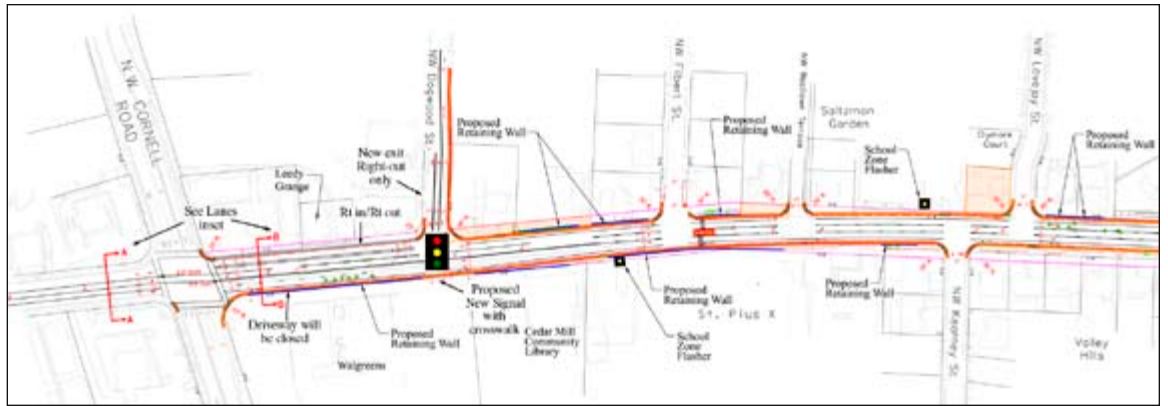
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# Saltzman Road Project update

The plan to widen Saltzman road to three lanes—one travel lane in each direction and a center turn lane for the stretch from Cornell to Bauer Woods Drive—is progressing on schedule. The only major change to the plan is that the stoplight and crosswalk that the public asked for last summer will be included in the project.

Washington County Land Use and Transportation (LUT) Project Manager Matt Costigan says, “We are currently working with representatives of Bales-Findley Property Management (owners of the Thriftway, Milltowner and library property) to identify right-of-way impacts and other specifics. Bales-Findley is proposing to modify their entrance on Saltzman



Detail of Saltzman Road plan from Cornell at left. View all the latest drawings at the December 4 Open House.

side of the street).

Costigan continues, “The project is scheduled to continue with design and right-of-way acquisition through spring of next year, and we will advertise for bids and go to construction in early summer 2009. We are still working on identifying construction staging, utility relocations, etc.” Construction is anticipated to last through fall 2010.

Current project plans will be presented at a public open house on December 4 at St. Pius X (see sidebar).

Utilities will be put underground from Cornell to just north of the library. The county is working with PGE and other providers to identify their needs

and incorporate their requirements into the project, but they have agreed in principle with the undergrounding which will eliminate utility poles in the sidewalk. This will be especially important for pedestrians since sidewalks on Saltzman in that area will only be five feet wide, to avoid further impact on the Leedy Grange building, Milltowner Center and the 7-11 area.

Proposed lighting for the area consists of dark-sky-friendly flat-lens “cobra-head” fixtures. The

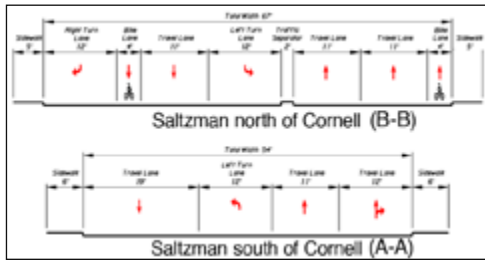
decorative (Acorn) style lighting required within the limits of the Town Center will be included in future projects when development occurs, but they will also be the modified style that doesn’t emit glare. (See Dark Sky article, page 5)

The existing driveway off Saltzman into the Milltowner center (northeast corner of Saltzman/ Cornell) just past Cornell will be closed. The only entrance into that center from Saltzman will be the one opposite Dogwood, where the new stoplight will go. Dogwood and the shopping center driveway will be realigned slightly so they match up. Future development is expected to extend Dogwood eastward to 123<sup>rd</sup>.

Costigan says that the addition of the stoplight to the project should not exceed the project budget. “The scope keeps getting bigger but the budget does not. At this time, we are still within our construction estimate for the project but don’t have much

wiggle room,” he says. Bales-Findley Property Management will provide funding for the work on their property and dedicate all necessary right-of-way and easements.

Acquisition of the necessary land to do these improvements is proceeding on schedule, with only one house slated for removal at the corner of Lovejoy and Saltzman. Approximately 91 trees will be removed for the project, but around



to Thriftway by making this a right-in/right-out driveway only. Vehicles exiting Thriftway wanting to go north on Saltzman would exit via a new driveway on Dogwood.”

The existing median on Saltzman will be lengthened to prevent people from turning left into the Thriftway lot from Saltzman northbound. Northbound travelers will be able to enter the lot via the new driveway off Dogwood that was constructed west of the store (just past the apartments on the left

Murray, continued from previous page some point, a Project Trailer will be set up as a headquarters for project and contractor staff. The location hasn’t yet been selected, but it will likely be on the east side of Murray once the demolition is completed.

Currently, some of the staging for the project is being done at the southwest corner of Cornell and Murray. This property, that has sat vacant for so long, is expected to be leased for development shortly after the roadwork is done, says owner Richard Meyers. He’s still looking

for a tenant, saying that he hopes he’ll find a deli or some other food-type business to lease the land and build. Town Center plans call for two-story mixed-use development at all intersections.

Project Manager Girard says, “We will be starting the Murray work next week (November 12-17). We will be restricting Murray to one lane in each direction from Highway 26 to Science Park and to three lanes from Science Park to Cornell. The new storm drain will

go up the curb line and be 14 feet deep. We will be needing space for the backhoe and the dump trucks to work, so the flow of traffic will be restricted along Murray between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Every effort will be made to keep the traffic moving using flaggers where possible. People can expect delays in this section of this roadway for several weeks while the storm line is being installed. Drivers can use Science Park as an alternate as the signal at Cornell/Science Park

150 new trees will be planted as part of the landscaping for the project.

Visit the project website at [www.deainc.com/saltzmanroad](http://www.deainc.com/saltzmanroad) for more information.

should be up and operational by Nov 26th.”

Hang on folks, the results will be good but we’re in for a little more traffic pain while the eggs get scrambled.

For more information about the project and to be put on the mailing list, contact Al Girard at 503-846-7851, or [al\\_girard@co.washington.or.us](mailto:al_girard@co.washington.or.us). The project website, which is updated weekly, is complicated, so we created a “tinyurl” link of [tinyurl.com/murraywiden](http://tinyurl.com/murraywiden)

## Saltzman Open House

5:00 - 7:30 pm, Thursday, December 4, 2008

St. Pius X Community Center

1280 NW Saltzman Rd, Portland

Washington County’s Department of Land Use and Transportation along with its design engineer, David Evans and Associates, invite you to attend a neighborhood open house regarding upcoming improvements scheduled for NW Saltzman, between NW Cornell and NW Thompson.

This is the third in a series of public open houses that will be held for this project. The purpose of this open house is to present the final roadway design (NW Cornell to Bauer Woods Drive) and construction schedule, and to solicit issues and concerns from area residents and business owners on the design.

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## Urbanization Forum gets down to the details

Washington County's Urbanization Forum was convened last spring to consider what many think of as the problem of Urban Unincorporated Areas (UUAs) in the county. (For background, you can read our series at [cedarmill.org/news/archive/UrbanNeeds.html](http://cedarmill.org/news/archive/UrbanNeeds.html).)

A panel consisting of elected representatives from the county's cities, County Commissioners, leaders of the various service providers (Clean Water Services, Sheriff, etc) and Metro was convened and led by Mark Cushing, partner and chair of the government relations and policy practice at Tonkon Torp. Citizens,

including former Washington County Commissioner John Leeper, complained that the very people who would be most affected by the outcome of the forum, the people who live in the UUAs, were not represented on the panel. Cushing and others contend that Metro and Washington County Commissioners are elected to represent them and were doing so on the panel.

During the introductory session panel members introduced themselves and stated their views of the situation. Several of the mayors took the unsurprising view that cities are the only way to govern urbanized areas.

The next couple of sessions were devoted to a discussion of the fate of land that will be added to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in the future. Again, the panel predictably reached the conclusion that any new land to be added should immediately be annexed by the nearest city. Many details of this agreement have yet to be worked out, including what to do with areas that are not contiguous with a city, and how to split up areas that are near more than one city. It's unclear at this point whether this agreement will require state legislative action.

During the last session, on October 9, that agreement was reviewed, and then the group addressed the thornier question of what to do with existing UUAs. Cushing announced that these areas would be discussed individually by splitting them up into communities that are related by geography and character.

At the October meeting of the Committee for Citizen Involvement (consisting of the leadership of the county's Citizen Participation Organizations - CPOs) Cushing announced that seven meetings would take place around the county, in each of the seven designated UUAs: 1) Ra-

leigh Hills, Cedar Hills, West Slope & Garden Home; 2) Cedar Mill; 3) Rock Creek, Bethany (including so-called North Bethany); 4) Aloha and Cooper Mountain; 5) Reedsville; 6) Bull Mountain; and 7) Metzger.

The meetings will consist of Cushing, a county administrator, the County Commissioner representing the area, the mayor or representative of the city or cities of interest, representatives of the service providers, and a citizen representative chosen by the leadership of the relevant CPOs.

### Your input is needed

The first question to be addressed at the meeting is whether the city or cities have a desire to annex the area. Cushing said, "Based upon all of the discussions to date, we are not facing an environment in which cities are prepared to or are interested in moving forward with major annexation initiatives." He said it could be a very short meeting if the answer is no, and the citizen representative says that people in their area don't have any desire for additional services. "Staying the same" is apparently now a viable option.

However, if citizens aren't asking for annexation, but want to consider some increase in urban-level services, the meeting will be a place to begin that discussion. Cedar Mill residents, for example, might want to find a way to build more sidewalks or have more control over Town Center planning. The mechanism and the funding for increased services are among the many questions that will have to be answered through further discussion.

The first of these meetings will take place mid-November in Cedar Mill with Virginia Bruce selected by CPO 1 leadership to represent Cedar Mill. Please contact her at 503-629-5799 or by email, [vrb@teamweb.com](mailto:vrb@teamweb.com) to let her know your views so she can bring them to the meeting.



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Dr. Stafford's Office Coordinator, Amanda Olson, greets patients and their parents at the front desk. She handles all the billing, insurance, and other details that keep the office running smoothly. She says she loves working with kids, and, "I love working in an office where we strive to change the opinion about the dentist. Kids come into the office afraid but leave here with a happy, positive experience."

The office runs on a sophisticated dental software package that combines digital x-rays, patient charts and other relevant information. Parents can fill out most of the necessary forms on their website: [visitworldofsmiles.com](http://visitworldofsmiles.com), before they come into the office, saving lots of time and hassle. The office employs paperless charting that combines images and treatment plans and makes it easy for the dentist and the parent to review the child's situation and progress. An easy-to-understand take-home statement can then be printed for the family to take home.



*The North American hallway leads to exam and treatment areas*

On a typical visit, eight-year-old Jenna arrives with her younger sister and mom. Dr. Stafford comes out to the waiting room and chats briefly with them, and then invites Jenna to follow the trail back to the "Japan" treatment area. While Jenna's mother and sister sit nearby, Dr. Stafford "counts her teeth" with her little mirror, noting the condition of each tooth while Dental Assistant Alece Levings records the information in the computer. Dr. Stafford then performs a cleaning, chatting all the while with Jenna and her mother.

During this visit, Jenna was so calm and comfortable that the overhead TV set never was turned on, but it's ready to play cartoons for any kids who are nervous or need some distraction during dental procedures. Dr. Stafford talked



with Jenna's mother about proper nutrition and oral hygiene, while Alece took Jenna to the "Costa Rica photo room," where they use a pantomograph digital x-ray machine that takes a full 180° view of the child's teeth in one shot. Kids are fascinated by the way the camera moves around their head, and it's faster and easier on the patient and produces less x-ray exposure than conventional equipment. Because it is digital, it goes immediately into the patient record for easy access.

For children who need more than a simple cleaning and exam, there's a separate treatment room, this time with an Irish theme. When a patient requires sedation for complex procedures, an Anesthesiologist comes in to administer it, and afterwards the patient is brought to the Venezuela "cozy room" for recovery in a large beanbag chair with a rocker nearby for the parent.

Dr. Stafford is passionate about the importance of early and regular dental visits for children. She notes, "The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Association of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child's first dental visit occur by their first birthday. This initial oral exam of the child includes checking for early signs of childhood caries (cavities), oral abnormalities

and tooth eruption sequence. Further, at World of Smiles we spend time with the parents educating them on when and how to start cleaning their baby's teeth, proper nutrition including bottle and sippy cup usage; and answering questions on topics such as thumb/pacifier sucking habits, teething issues, and more."

For those very young patients, Dr. Stafford performs a "lap exam" where the parent sits in the dental chair with the child partly on their lap and partly on Dr. Stafford's lap.

A pediatric dentist completes two years of additional training in the distinctive needs of children, which includes the best procedures



*The "cozy room" gives patients a quiet place to recover from anesthesia*

for primary teeth as well as behavior management techniques for children with various personalities and levels of development. Further, a good pediatric dentist designs their office with a child in mind, making the space kid-friendly and welcoming to a nervous youngster. A pediatric dentist is more equipped to handle the specialized dental needs of children in the same way that a pediatrician is

best able to care for children.

Dr. Stafford joined the Cedar Mill Business Association even before her practice opened this summer. She says, "I am a big believer in volunteering and being involved in my community. I think it is important to support local, family businesses and CMBA allows me to network with all the wonderful business owners in this community."

She also spends time giving presentations to pre-school and elementary school classes, "demonstrating how to brush and floss as well as teaching about healthy meals and snacks. Also, I am willing to talk to parents, teachers and/or coaches about the importance of good oral hygiene habits at an early age and what to do in a dental emergency."

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serted and lighted to burn the trunk across. Immediately upon clearing the timber, timothy (hay) seed was planted in the fertile soil. Reapers were used, followed by threshing with a gangway using horses.

Wild animals were prevalent—deer, bear, cougar and beaver. Beavers were especially busy along Mill Creek (now Cedar Mill Creek). The lower levels of ground were later farmed as highly fertile beaverdam land.

The first home was small, later taking on larger proportions as other early settlers arrived and were given haven until they could make their own homes. Grandfather is said to have remarked that his nearest neighbors were the Walker family on Walker Road. Early residents tell of Indians picking wild blackberries and huckleberries and occasionally coming to doors to ask for food. None lived in this area, but many were settled at Gales Creek.

Next month: The mill and early transportation

**Husen Park expansion calls for new plan**

A neighborhood Open House will be held later this month to address potential changes in the Master Plan for Jackie Husen Park, 10955 NW Reeves St. Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) recently acquired a second lot next to the original park lot, and the 2002 Master Plan needs to be updated to reflect that change (see April 2007 Cedar Mill News for more information).

Jackie Husen Park, named for a long-time local resident whose husband made the property available to the district, connects on the north side to Jordan Park, a stunning gem of old second-growth forest surrounding Cedar Mill Creek. In 2007, THPRD's board approved \$550,000 in funding for improvements to the park from the 2006 Metro Bond Measure.

At press time, the district hadn't determined the place and time of the Open House. Neighbors within a small radius of the park will receive mailed invitations to the meeting, but others interested may contact Park Planner René Brucker at [rbrucker@thprd.org](mailto:rbrucker@thprd.org) or 503-629-6305 ext.2933.

**Rummage Sale at Leedy Grange**

A community Rummage Sale will fill the Grange Hall on Friday, November 14 from 8 am-4 pm and Saturday, November 15 from 8 am -5 pm. Come by and find your treasures in someone else's "trash." Holiday decorations, home accessories, and more. Coffee and donuts will be available.

**Ivy Removal at Cedar Mill Park**

10385 NW Cornell, just west of Cedar Mill School

9 am-noon, Saturday, November 22

Join us as we continue to remove English ivy from the natural areas of Cedar Mill Park. Please bring heavy-duty work gloves, loppers, a round-tipped shovel and a reusable water bottle, if possible. Refreshments will be provided.

Volunteers will meet at the lower (tennis courts) parking lot of Cedar Mill Elementary School, near the picnic tables. All ages welcome!

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## French American International School Holiday Market

Make plans to stop and smell the croissants (and crêpes!) at the French American International School's Holiday Market, Saturday December 6, from 9 am-4 pm. Check off each name on your shopping list while supporting local vendors and enjoying a festive environment with a distinctly European village flair! The Market takes place at the French American International School: 8500 NW Johnson Street near NW Cornell and Miller. Parking available, free admission.

The market is better than ever this year with 50 local vendors! Support unique and local vendors of homemade handbags, soy candles, bamboo clothing, French linens, gourmet foods, designer silk-screened t-shirts, children's language CDs, soaps, knit hats, ponchos, jewelry, ceramics and crafts. Sit and sip with friends or neighbors in the Parisian Café by Petite Provence (sponsored by the Alliance Française de Portland). Taste a selection of wines from Oregon and France that are perfect for serving and giving this season. Sink your teeth into a grilled-on-the-spot sausage from Fetzer's or tuck into a luscious pastry, quiche, tart or baguette sandwich while enjoying a children's choral performance, dance troupe, hammered dulcimer solo, and more. The Holiday Market can even make dinner a breeze: on your way out, sample and purchase a delicious family dinner-to-go from Dinner Delice, a gourmet/organic catering company owned by a FAIS parent.

The Holiday Market is a special project of the FAIS Parent Liaison Committee. In the past, proceeds have been used for the purchase of major equipment such as a sound system, for the maintenance and signage of the school's nature trail, for sporting equipment, and to fund continued education for staff members.

## Free leaf disposal and food drive

Saturdays, November 22 and December 6, 8 am-4 pm  
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Drop off some food for the food drive and also your fall leaves, pine needles and grass clippings at Clean Water Services' free event. Co-sponsored by the Oregon Food Bank, this event helps protect water

quality while supporting families in need. Here are the simple rules:

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- No litter, rocks, sticks etc.
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Last year, residents donated a record 3,200 pounds of food for needy families and prevented 111 truckloads of leaves from clogging neighborhood streets and storm drains. For more information, call 503-547-8116.

## Boy Scout attacks ivy

Local Boy Scout Rishi Garg has taken on the ivy in Cedar Mill Park as his Eagle Scout project, and will be leading two events this month on November 8 and 22. He plans to get help from fellow students and other scouts, but the public is welcome to join in too. Both sessions will last from 9 am to 3 pm and volunteers can just show up during those hours.

Rishi will focus on the newest addition to the park, the former Brady property at the northwest corner. The forest in this area is covered with ivy that weighs down and can kill trees and crowds out native plants from the forest floor.

Once the ivy has been cleared, Rishi and his volunteers will be planting native bushes and trees to fill in the cleared areas. Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District will supply the plants.

Cedar Mill Park is located at 10385 NW Cornell Rd, just west of Cedar Mill Elementary. Park in the lower lot by the tennis courts if you're driving.

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