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Susan McLain represents District 4, which includes Northern Washington County, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Northwest Beaverton, Aloha, Rock Creek, Bonny Slope, Raleigh Hills, West Slope, Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills.



A message from Susan McLain

What's hazardous in your home? You may be surprised at how many products have the words "warning" and "caution" or even "poison" on the label. Many household products can hurt people, fish and wildlife if used or disposed of incorrectly.

To make sure these products are recycled properly, Metro hosts neighborhood hazardous waste roundups around the region. Here are some upcoming events in our area (events run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.):

- Oct. 13 and 14, Century High School, 2000 SW 234th Ave., Hillsboro
- Oct. 20 and 21, Southwest Bible Church, 14605 SW Weir Rd., Beaverton
- Nov. 4, Forest Grove Transfer Station, 1525 B St., Forest Grove

So far this year, 190,427 pounds of waste was collected from 3321 residents in my Metro district. This averages 57 pounds per customer! While recycling is important, it is even better to reduce the amounts of hazardous waste we generate. **You can help by choosing to use less-toxic products in your home and garden.** Learn how at one of the collection events or by contacting Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000 or visiting Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org.

— Susan McLain

Salmon Festival celebrates return of fall Chinook

The 23rd annual Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park celebrates the return of fall Chinook salmon to the Sandy River. This year's event takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15 and emphasizes a better understanding of the importance of healthy rivers and streams and ways to ensure that salmon continue to be part of our local story. Admission is \$8 per vehicle or \$12 per bus at the gate. Pets are not allowed.

The festival literally has something for everyone: informative exhibits, live music, interactive activities for children, arts and crafts demonstrations, a salmon barbecue and a food court. The Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum Village, hosted by the fishing tribes of the Columbia River Basin, will offer traditional activities

including storytelling, beading, weaving, dancing, drum making, a traditional salmon bake, as well as lessons about the tribes' efforts to restore salmon runs.

For those seeking a quieter experience, self-guided walks along a peaceful forest trail will take you to the best places to view spawning salmon. Biologists will be on hand to help spot fish and answer questions.

Festival hosts are Metro, Mt. Hood National Forest, Portland Water Bureau, Western Rivers Conservancy and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Event sponsors are Portland General Electric, Bureau of Land Management, Columbia Sportswear and The Portland Tribune.

For more information, visit www.metro-region.org/salmonfestival or call Metro at (503) 797-1850.

Design under way for Cooper Mountain Natural Area

Site design begins this fall for the visitor improvements and habitat restoration for the Cooper Mountain Natural Area. Planned improvements, as described in the adopted master plan, include trailheads and parking with accompanying amenities at Kemmer and Grabhorn road entrances, approximately three miles of improved trails and a "nature house" for environmental education programs.

Metro has hired a multidisciplinary team to develop the design and construction plans for Cooper Mountain. The team possesses outstanding creative and technical expertise in creating public natural areas. The construction budget is approximately \$1.5 million, with \$15,000 reserved for public art. Parallel to the design and engineering work, Metro will oversee design and coordinate installation of the visitor information and interpretive signs informing users about the natural and cultural history and unique plants and animals found at Cooper Mountain.

The Metro Council has committed to involving neighbors and keeping the public informed of the details of this natural area development. To do this, Metro will convene a project working group comprised of neighbors and technical experts to receive timely and relevant input during design development. The first working group meeting will be held in October; details will be posted on Metro's website and online calendar. Working group meetings are open to the public.

A public meeting will be held in November for broader community input on the design. Metro will send periodic mailings of the Cooper Mountain Chronicle newsletter to area neighbors and other interested persons. Project updates will be posted to Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org/coopermountain. For more information, to receive the newsletter, or to be included on the e-mail notification list, contact Lora Price at pricel@metro.dst.or.us or (503) 797-1846.

2008-11 Transportation Priorities seeks public comment

The 2008-11 Transportation Priorities process started in April, soliciting project applications from local jurisdictions. Funds for the

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) will target economic development in the region's mixed-use and industrial areas and help meet transportation-related air quality requirements.

This summer, Metro staff ranked projects to create a "First Cut" list, which contains 67 projects and programs requesting \$133.5 million. Since only \$45.4 million is actually available, Metro is looking to the public to help narrow the list. The official comment period begins with the release of the First Cut list on October 13 and ends on December 1, 2006. The First Cut list will be posted on the Metro website, www.metro-region.org.

Comments can be submitted in several ways, including attending one of the public Listening Posts Metro will host around the region in November. A Westside Listening Post will be held 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, November 13 at the Beaverton Community Center, 12350 SW Fifth Street (TriMet buses 57 and 76). To ensure that oral testimony is accurately recorded, please also submit comments in writing.

For more information, including the full list of Listening Posts, and to submit comments, contact Metro at:

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After the First Cut list is narrowed, a draft final list will be released for further public comment next January before the Metro Council's final adoption of the plan in March 2007. Project funding will begin in October 2007.

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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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