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CITIES:

Amity	Lafayette
Aumsville	McMinnville
Aurora	Monmouth
Carlton	Mt. Angel
Dallas	Newberg
Dayton	St. Paul
Detroit	Salem
Donald	Scotts Mills
Dundee	Sheridan
Falls City	Silverton
Gates	Stayton
Gervais	Sublimity
Hubbard	Turner
Idanha	Willamina
Independence	Woodburn
Jefferson	Yamhill
Keizer	

COUNTIES:

Marion County
Polk County
Yamhill County

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT:

The Confederated Tribes of
Grand Ronde

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Chehalem Park & Recreation
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From the Executive Director...

Many Communities – One Voice: Positioning the Region for Prosperity through Advocacy

At its June Board meeting, the Board of Directors for the Council of Governments (COG) approved the budget, which included a line item to hire a contract lobbyist to represent our region's interests before state and federal decision makers. To help position our region for prosperity, the Board recognizes the need to share our region's concerns and needs with legislators and executive agency officials. Our region has long gone without someone advocating for solutions and resources for our regions problems and challenges. Thankfully that is about to change.

In the next fiscal year, the COG will undertake the selection of a contract lobbyist to pursue legislation and initiatives to help us move our region forward. However, to do so effectively requires our many communities to come together on issues of mutual regional concern and to speak with one voice.

To ensure we are united in that voice, the COG will soon undertake a process whereby we will solicit ideas from the membership on matters that need state or federal attention. Those ideas will then be compiled for the Board's consideration as it works to narrow the ideas into policy positions that will guide our lobbying efforts.

The Board has already established some guidelines for this policy development

process. Specifically, the Board has decided that the policy positions will be broad, so as to give staff the ability to respond in the often rapidly shifting legislative environment, and the positions must:

- Relate to the MWVCOG's existence, funding, or scope of authority; or relate to one of the core competencies of the MWVCOG: community development, transportation, economic development, or empowering local government;
- Be within the MWVCOG's ability to influence and effectuate a policy decision;
- Be regional in nature;
- Be germane to the Mid-Willamette Valley region; and
- Be in the best interest of MWVCOG and supported by a consensus of the Board or Executive Committee members.

The Board has stated, it will not take a policy position on a matter:

- That is singularly focused on the interests of just one member; or
- That is unnecessarily duplicative of a position and efforts of a statewide association representing local government interests.

In the weeks ahead, the COG will be reaching out member jurisdictions and

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Transportation Planning - ODOT's Fix-It Program and MWACT

The Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (**MWACT**) met in April and in June. At both meetings there were presentations and discussion about the Fix-It program. ODOT's Fix-it Program is responsible for keeping state highways in good repair, and it's the largest single category of funding - more than \$800 million over three years (2022-2024). Funding goes to repaving and preservation projects, culverts, bridges, and more. ODOT selects projects by using a combination of data collection and analysis, engineering expertise, community needs and available funding. A new five minute video on YouTube about the Fix-It Program, featuring ODOT engineers and program experts, explains what criteria they use to make decisions (type "ODOT FIXIT" into YouTube's search box).

ODOT Region staff are also responsible for identifying potential "leverage" elements associated with Fix-It project activities and determining the cost and feasibility of those elements through the upcoming scoping process scheduled to take place this summer. In June, MWACT received the 150% list of Fix-It projects (16 projects) being considered for future funding in the MWACT area, as well as which projects might be good candidates for leverage elements, such as infrastructure for active transportation (building, repairing, or replacing bikeways or walkway), safety, or to address bottlenecks. Go to the MWACT webpage (type "ODOT MWACT" in a browser search box) to see the June MWACT agenda package for maps and information.

Other News – Construction and Funding

- The City of **Salem** has begun upgrading 12th Street SE between Hoyt Street SE and Fairview Avenue SE. The project includes adding an additional southbound lane between McGilchrist Street SE and Fairview Avenue SE, a new right turn lane at Fairview Avenue SE, replacing a culvert at Clark Creek, storm drain and traffic signal modifications, and west side sidewalk

improvements. Of the project's \$5.6 million budget, \$3.26 million is funded by Federal grants from the Salem Keizer Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (**SKATS MPO**), operated by the COG.

- At their May 2018 meeting, the Oregon Transportation Commission (**OTC**) approved the addition of over \$17.3 million for a project to **widen Interstate-5 south of the Kuebler Boulevard Interchange**, bringing the total project amount to \$35.36 million. The proposed funding will allow for design of the entire project, but is only sufficient to construct the portion of the project on southbound I-5 from the Battle Creek culvert to south of the Delaney interchange, and will not include the reconstruction of the Battlecreek Road I-5 overpass at this time. The starting point of the widening was chosen to begin just prior to where the topography is steep, in order for slow moving trucks to transition into this lane before they begin slowing and causing congestion. The southern limits are driven by design standards that address the merging, weaving and transitioning of traffic between the Commercial on-ramp and the Delaney off-ramp, and the on-ramp heading south.
- ODOT recently announced that a consultant has been selected to conduct the **seismic study for the Center St. Bridge (Hwy 22)** over the Willamette River in **Salem**, to determine the seismic needs for the bridge and the costs. The study is funded with **SKATS MPO** funds and local match from ODOT and City of **Salem**. The Legislature's HB2017 (Keep Oregon Moving) included \$60 million in funds - \$10 million in 2022 for engineering design work and \$50 million in 2025 for construction.

Community Development Updates

COG planning staff provide assistance with current and long-range planning work for twenty (20) member jurisdictions in Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties, serving over 48,000 residents.

In addition to current planning work, Community Development staff are working on the following longer-range projects:

Economic Development

- Staff continues to work with the University of Oregon and five other **Economic Development Districts** within the Eclipse “path of totality” related to a best-practices report and future training and economic resiliency planning efforts to deal with future natural disasters. The project is supported by a \$87,000 grant award from the Economic Development Administration (**EDA**) and was matched with \$89,000 in local funding.
- As requested by the City of **Newberg** and **Yamhill County**, COG is assisting the Chehalem Valley Innovation Accelerator and University of Oregon in continued “Strategic Doing” and economic development planning efforts in Yamhill County. The project is supported by a \$86,000 two year grant from **The Ford Family Foundation** (TFFF).

Land Use Planning

- Most of our communities have already or are currently working though drafting and adoption of development code language to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) related to Senate Bill 1051.
- The City of **Donald** initiated their transportation development code and Planned Unit Development (PUD) code update to accommodate population growth and housing needs in the coming years, with assistance from a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Code Assistance grant from the Department of Land Conservation and

Development (**DLCD**). COG staff is also assisting **Donald** with an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion Study to address previously identified residential land needs. COG also assisted the City with the earlier land needs determination.

Grant Administration

- COG continues to assist **Amity** with their water improvements project, which includes an upgrade to the city’s water intake, pump station, and monitoring equipment; a new water intake on the Yamhill River; and other needed improvements to the treatment of the city’s water. The project also includes a required property/easement acquisition and access to the new intake location, a new application for additional funding assistance from both USDA-Rural Development and the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan program, and completion of the environmental assessment. COG is also assisting the City of **Idanha** with a \$1.7 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for water improvements, including assistance with the environmental, grant administration, and wage monitoring.

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Community Activities and Events in our Region

Recurring Events

- ◆ First Friday – **Silverton** First Friday; 7 pm – 9 pm; Downtown and other locations (first Friday of every month) www.silvertonchamber.com
- ◆ Third Fridays - 3rd on 3rd Art & Wine Walk - 4-8 pm; check in at McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 310 NE Evans St., **McMinnville**; <https://www.facebook.com/McMinnvilleArtAndWineWalk/>
- ◆ Mondays – Music on Mondays; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; Old Mill Park, 412 S Water Street, **Silverton** (June 25 through August 13, no music July 2 or August 6) www.silvertonfriendsofmusic.org
- ◆ Mondays - **Salem** Monday Hospital Market; 10 am-2 pm; Salem Hospital campus, 880 Oak Street SE (May through September)
- ◆ Tuesdays - **Dallas** Tuesdays on the Square; 4-7 pm; Downtown Courthouse Square; June 12 (City Department Exp & Community Partners) and July 10 (Non-Profit Showcase) www.dallasor.gov/tots
- ◆ Wednesdays - **Salem** Wednesday Market; 10 am-2 pm; Courthouse Square Plaza, 530 Chemeketa Street NE (May through September)
- ◆ Wednesdays - Music in the Park concert series; 6:30 pm; Main Street Park Amphitheater, **Monmouth** (July 11 through August 29)
- ◆ Wednesdays - Sounds of Summer concert series; 6-9 pm; Rotary Stage, **Dallas** (June through August)
- ◆ Thursdays - Bounty Market; 10 am-3 pm; Academy Lawn, **Dallas** (May through September) www.facebook.com/BountyMarket or www.exploredallasoregon.org/bounty-market
- ◆ Thursdays - **McMinnville** Downtown Association Farmers Market - Noon-6 pm; on 1st and Cows Street (May 3 through October 11) www.macdowntown.com/events/#/farmersmarket/
- ◆ Thursdays - Concerts on the Plaza Summer Music Series - 5:30-9 pm; on 3rd and Davis Street, **McMinnville** (July 12 through August 30) www.macdowntown.com/events/#/concertsontheplaza/
- ◆ Thursdays - **West Salem** Farmers Market; 10 am-2 pm; 1260 Edgewater St. NW, Salem (greenway between Gerth St. & Kingwood Ave.) (July through September)
- ◆ Thursdays - River's Edge Summer Movie Series; 9:45 start in July, 8:30 start in August; **Independence** Amphitheater (starts July 1) www.independencetheater.com/movies.html
- ◆ Fridays - **Dayton** Friday Nights; 5:30-8:30 pm; Downtown Dayton (June through August)
- ◆ Fridays - River's Edge Summer Music Series; starting times vary, see website; **Independence** Amphitheater (starts July 3) www.independencetheater.com/music.html
- ◆ Saturdays - **Silverton** Farmer's Market; 9 am-1 pm; Town Square Park, 101 Main Street (June through October 13) www.silvertonfarmersmarket.com
- ◆ Saturdays - **Salem** Saturday Market; 9 am-3 pm; 865 Marion Street NE (April through October)
- ◆ Saturdays - Riverview Market; 9 am-2 pm; Riverview Park Plaza, **Independence** (April through November)
- ◆ Saturdays - **Independence** Farmers' Market; 9 am-2 pm; Umpqua Bank parking lot, Independence (April through November) www.independencemarket-or.org/

July

- 1-4 **Independence** Western Days www.independencedays.org/
- 3-4 July 4th Festival; Main Street Park, **Monmouth** www.ci.monmouth.or.us/pView.aspx?id=26838&catid=554
- 4 Freedomfest; 2-11 pm; **Dallas** City Park/Roger Jordan Community Park www.facebook.com/DallasFreedomfest or www.exploredallasoregon.org/freedomfest.

Activities and Events cont.

- 4 Celebrate in Mac July 4th Fireworks; gates open at 5 pm; Evergreen Museum and the Falls Event Center; presented by the **McMinville** Area Chamber of Commerce; cost \$5 per carload
- 12-15 **Marion County** Fair; 10 am-10 pm; Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem www.co.marion.or.us/CS/Fair
- 13-15 Turkey Rama; 10 am-9 pm; Third Street, **McMinville**; celebrating 58 years!; Turkey Rama Car Show 7/15 10 am-4 pm
- 14 **Donald** Hazelnut Festival; 10 am-4 pm; Parade starts at 11 am www.donaldhazelnutfestival.com
- 15 Gorgeous Wind Country Relay; 1:30 pm-4 pm; starts in **Dundee**, ends in **Carlton**
www.gorgeousseries.com/wine-country-relay.html
- 21 Fischer's Mill Music Fest; 2 pm – 9 pm; Old Mill Park, 412 S Water Street, **Silverton**
www.fischersmillmusicfest.com
- 21 City of **Yamhill** Derby Days Parade & Festival; parade begins at 10 am at the Yamhill/Carlton High School
- 24-26 **Dallas** Summerfest; 10 am-8 pm; city wide www.facebook.com/DallasSummerfest
- 26 A Day in the Park; 7 am-4 pm; **Dallas** City Park (part of Summerfest) www.facebook.com/DallasSummerfest

August

- 1-3 **Yamhill County** Fair "Oregon's Oldest Fair" www.co.yamhill.or.us/fair
- 3-5 Homer Davenport Community Festival; Coolidge McClaine Park, 300 Coolidge Street, **Silverton**
www.homerdavenport.com
- 4 **Carlton** Chalk Walk; 10 am-10 pm; Main Street & Upper Park ycfarms.org
- 4 Wildaire Cellars "Play in the Park" Disc Golf Tournament; 8 am-3 pm; Lower Wennerberg Park, **Carlton**
- 5 **Dallas** Old Timer's Reunion Picnic; 10 am-3 pm; Dallas City Park, Old Side Gazebo
www.facebook.com/DallasOldTimersReunionPicnic
- 7 National Night Out - *Native American*; 4-8 pm; Ladd Park & Downtown **Carlton**
- 9-11 **Polk County** Fair; 10 am-10 pm; Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall www.co.polk.or.us/fair
- 18 Music for Hope; 11:30 am-10 pm; Ladd Park, **Carlton**
- 18-19 **Silverton** Fine Arts Festival; Coolidge McClaine Park, 300 Coolidge Street, **Silverton**
www.silvertonarts.org

September

- 2 Oregon Wine Country Half-Marathon; 7 am; starts at Stoller Family Estate, ends on Main Street in **Carlton** www.motivrunning.com/oregon-wine-country-halfmarathon/
- 8 **Carlton** Crush Harvest Festival; 9 am-9 pm; Lower Wennerberg Park www.carltoncrush.com
- 9 Community Fiesta; Riverview Park, **Independence**
- 13-16 **Mt. Angel** Oktoberfest
- 18 **Mt. Angel** City Wide Garage Sale
- 21-23 Acorn War Historical Reenactment - Society for Creative Anachronism; Lower Wennerberg Park, **Carlton** www.antir.sca.org/Upcoming/?Event_ID=4454

Thanks to all of our members who provided information about their local events.

Changes in the MWVCOG Region

City Staff

- Macahan “Mac” Corthell is the new City Manager for the City of **Falls City**.
- The City of **Carlton** has hired Dennis Durham as their new City Manager, replacing Chad Olson who has retired.
- Zoe Monahan is the new City manager for the City of **Dayton**.
- The City of **Aurora** has hired Scott Jorgensen as their new City Manager, and Mark Gunter in the Public Works Department.
- Sam Kaufmann is the new City Administrator/Recorder for the City of **St. Paul**. The City has also hired a new Public Works Technician, Mark Winder.
- The City of **Salem** has hired a new City Librarian, Sarah Strahl.
- Rebecca (Stormer) Oladeinde, City Recorder for **Idanha**, has gotten married. Congratulations, Rebecca!

Mayors and City Councils

The following cities have had changes on their City Councils. The new Councilors are:

- Velma Amaya-Medina, City of **St. Paul**
- Roxanne Beltz, City of **Monmouth**
- Wade Witherspoon, City of **Lafayette**

The latest Regional Directory is available for viewing or download on our website at www.mwvcog.org/about/member-directory. It is updated as often as possible, based mainly on information provided by our members.

Where in the COG is it? *from page 3*

Mill City historic railroad bridge.

Mill City received an \$8.1 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) federal grant to upgrade it, the North Santiam River Bridge and Broadway Street in the heart of town. City staff and volunteers have been fundraising for two years in hopes of sprucing up the railroad bridge in time for its 100th anniversary in 2019.

Comm. Devt. Updates cont.

- The City of **Falls City** recently received a \$350,000 CDBG to aid in final design engineering related to a future wastewater improvements project. COG staff assisted with the funding application and will assist with administration of the grant.

For more information about these projects or questions on potential projects, contact Renata Wakeley at 503-540-1618 or renatac@mwvcog.org.

Advocacy cont.

members of committees that the COG staffs in a more formal way to solicit recommendations on policy positions. Until then, please think about what issues, challenges, and initiatives you think the COG should advocate on. If you have an idea you want to share in advance of the formal request, feel free to contact the Executive Director.

We can accomplish more together than we can individually and, as the COG undertakes this new endeavor, we hope you will lend your voice to the effort.



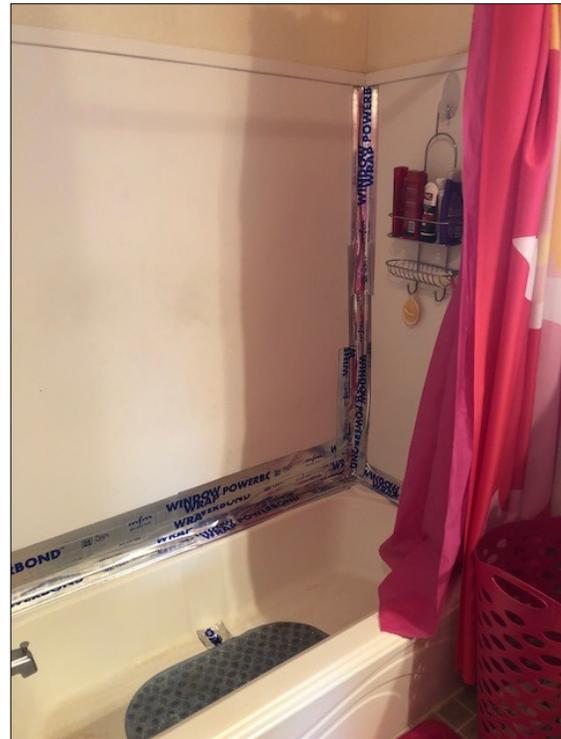
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

Communities in Marion County contract with COG to manage a regional Housing Rehabilitation Program through Valley Development Initiatives (VDI). The low-interest, deferred payment program allows economically disadvantaged populations access to capital to make necessary home repairs and improvements in 15 cities and unincorporated areas throughout Marion County. As clients repay loans, the money is then re-lent to other eligible property owners in the region.

Since January, VDI has approved five new loan applications: two in **Gervais**, one in **Mt. Angel**, and two in **Stayton**. The proposed work includes dry rot repair, water leak and water drainage repair, mold mitigation, furnace replacement, new roofs, and house painting. Once bids are received, COG staff will work with property owners to select contractors, execute contracts and secure the loans before rehabilitation work can begin.

In March, VDI closed and fully funded one of the loans in Gervais totaling \$25,000.00. The manufactured home needed a new roof, front entry and dry rot mitigation from leaking tub/shower surrounds. With the help of a contractor, she was able to do all the items and install a new shower to assist in overcoming disability barriers. The contractor began work April 1st and completed all repairs by May 2, 2018. *(See photos at right.)*

The cities of **Stayton, Aumsville, Mt. Angel, and Turner**, and **Marion County** were awarded a new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a housing rehabilitation fund to service eligible persons in manufactured home parks and those who have no equity in their home and are ineligible under current housing rehabilitation program rules. In May 2018, contracts were signed and the project should kick-off in the next few months, upon completion of environmental review requirements in compliance with state and federal regulations. As part of the application submittal, COG created a needs list for mobile-home owners on rented land who are ineligible for the current loan program. The list will help the distribution of the funds.



Above: The tub before repairs.

Below: The new shower.



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MWVCOG Board Meeting Schedule for 2018

Notes:

Board meetings are scheduled to begin promptly at 3:30 p.m., except for the annual meeting, which is an evening affair.

Executive Committee meetings are scheduled to begin promptly at 3:30 p.m., except on June 5—the Budget Committee will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the Executive Committee will follow at 4 p.m.

Date	Location
October 3—Executive Committee	COG Offices
October 16—COG Board	COG Offices
December 5—Executive Committee	COG Offices
December 18—COG Board	COG Offices

COG Works is also available on our website (www.mwvcog.org).