



Lifeline Connections presents annual awards

Lifeline Connections has selected Pastor Bill and Vicky Smith to receive the 2015 John Cox Award of Excellence, and Patty Katz to receive the 2015 Community Partner Award.

The John Cox Award is given to individuals in the community who are vocal supporters of chemical dependency and mental health treatment.

According to a press release, the Smiths champion the need to support Lifeline's programs, and provide support to clients who are in recovery. For nearly 10 years they have helped hundreds of men and women.

"When folks have hit their absolute bottom they have provided them with spiritual guidance through their work at Grace Ministries," the press release stated.

The Smiths promote recovery through advocacy, support, education and service. Their efforts offer support to people in recovery, by coordinating and linking people to services and reaching out to the community to promote recovery.

The Community Partner Award is given to individuals in the community who partner with Lifeline staff to provide comprehensive

and support services to Lifeline clients.

Katz was selected because of her passion and tireless efforts to bring recovery out of the shadows.

She is known as a founding member of Hands Across the Bridge, now the largest National Recovery Month event held west of the Mississippi, with more than 3,000 people attending each year on Labor Day.

"Patty has been an inspiration to all who have come in contact with her," said Jared Sanford, Lifeline Connections CEO. "She has worked long and hard for the rights of those in recovery from addictions and mental health conditions. She is an example of what positive impact one person can have when advocating for those in recovery. Lifeline has always been proud to work alongside Patty to advocate for those in recovery in our community."

At its Camas office, 329 N.E. Lechner St., Lifeline Connections offers counseling and group therapy sessions and other mental health services. Psychiatric medication management is also provided.

For more information, visit www.lifelineconnections.org.

Teachers, district reach tentative agreement

Contract will likely be ratified later this month

By DANIELLE FROST
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After four months without a contract, the Washougal Association of Educators and school district administration have reached a tentative agreement.

The terms of the teachers' new, two-year contract will not be released until

the agreement is ratified by the WAE membership and School Board, which will likely occur this month, according to a press release.

The WAE and district met in three mediation sessions, the most recent on Dec. 28, after negotiations came to a standstill over evaluation, curriculum and compensation issues. The previous contract expired Aug. 31.

Both sides declined to give further comment about the contract until it has been ratified.

Public hearing to examine revised rural zoning map for growth plan

Impacted property owners have been notified

Clark County will hold a public hearing to consider a revised rural zoning map before completing a final environmental impact statement to assess the county's "preferred alternative" for the next growth plan.

On Nov. 24, the Board of County Councilors adopted a "preferred alternative," which incorporated components of alternatives 1, 2, 3 and 4.

According to a press release, county planners are recommending that the Nov. 24 zoning map be revised to correct errors and omissions and more accurately reflect the intent of the "preferred alternative" in rural areas.

The board will consider the recommendations at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St.

If approved, the proposed map could affect about 320 parcels in rural areas. Proposed corrections focus on parcels that currently have split zoning. Those parcels have some agricultural or forestry (resource) zoning and some (non-resource) rural zoning.

The community planning department has notified property owners who may be affected if the recommendations are approved.

For more information, visit <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/options-and-impacts-alternatives>.

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Washougal senior lunches temporarily relocate to Firstenburg

Friday meals will continue to be served in the Camas Community Center

By DAWN FELDHAUS
Post-Record staff writer

Senior citizens and others who eat lunches together at the Washougal Community Center will need to drive to Vancouver for their midday meals, starting this week.

Lunches, prepared by The Meals on Wheels People, are usually served Monday through Thursday, at 11:30 a.m., in Washougal.

Those lunches are available at 11:15 a.m. at the Firstenburg Community Center, 700 N.E. 136th Ave.

The temporary change of loca-

tion for local seniors is occurring because of work that will be done to the building at 1681 "C" St. The improvements will include the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system and roof, as well as retrofitting the kitchen.

The contractor, Columbia Construction, of Wilsonville, Oregon, is expected to complete the project by March.

Lunches, prepared by Meals on Wheels, will continue to be served Fridays, at 11:30 a.m., in the Camas Community Center, 1718 S.E. Seventh Ave.

The lunch cost is \$7.39 per person. People 60 and older are requested to pay "what they are able to," according to Janice Butzke, manager of The Meals on Wheels People Camas-Washougal.

During the renovation project, local Meals on Wheels lunches will be delivered by volunteers to

the homebound Monday through Thursday from Firstenburg, and Friday from Camas.

The upgrades will receive \$350,000 in a state legislative appropriation, while the center's kitchen remodel will be a recipient of \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding. The city of Washougal match will be \$100,000.

The Meals on Wheels People will provide new industrial refrigerators and freezers, as well as ovens and steam tables. The remodel will bring the kitchen into compliance with new state health regulations and provide expanded capacity for meal preparation.

Questions about the lunch services can be directed to Butzke at 210-5666 or email janice.butzke@mealsonwheelspeople.org. For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelspeople.org.

Washougal has two Cemetery Board vacancies

Members ensure proper record keeping of accounts

The city of Washougal is seeking two people to serve on its cemetery board.

Members make recommendations to City Council regarding rules and regulations or amendments

related to operations at the Washougal Memorial Cemetery, 3329 "Q" St.

The board also ensures proper record keeping of accounts and burial places and confirms proper issuance of burial permits by the city. Cemetery board members assist with the Memorial Day weekend information booth and Monday morning ceremony.

The vacancies were created after the resignations of Nikki Costa and Tina Bair. The cemetery board includes Janet Alder, Rhonda Boni-Burden and Diane English.

One of the vacancies can be filled by a person who resides within Washougal's urban growth boundary.

To be considered for the cemetery board, individu-

als should submit a letter of interest and a completed volunteer application to the attention of Mayor Sean Guard at City of Washougal, 1701 "C" St., Washougal, WA 98671.

The board meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 8:05 a.m., in the council chambers at City Hall. Questions can be directed to 835-8501.

Innovative Services NW hires Washougal woman

Susan Lehr directs early intervention and health programs

A local resident who has served as a nonprofit consultant for organizations in Washington and Oregon has a new role with Innovative Services NW.

Susan Lehr, of Washougal, has been hired as the

director of health programs and early intervention.

She has previously served as the transitional director for the Parks Foundation of Clark County and president and chief executive officer of the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, in Milwaukie, Oregon.



Susan Lehr

Lehr has a bachelor's degree in sociology and education, from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Innovative Services NW offers pediatric speech and physical therapy, child care, adult day health care and parenting plan mediation services. The nonprofit, founded in

1963, also provides employment services for youth aging out of the foster care system and job support for adults with disabilities.

Innovative Services NW is located at 9414 N.E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver. For more information, call 892-5142 or visit www.innovativeservicesnw.org.

Time Bank presentation to be held at Washougal Community Library

hOur IMPACT is intended to cultivate connections

Information about a program that involves people exchanging skills and services without money will be

presented at the Washougal Community Library.

The presentation about the hOur IMPACT Time Bank will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. The library is located at 1661 "C" St.

Sponsored by the Human Services

Council, hOur IMPACT is designed to cultivate connections with neighbors.

For more information, call the library at 906-4860 or visit www.fvrl.org/loc/wa/#/?i=2.

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