

Center Advisory Board Member Needed

The Milwaukie Center, which serves the needs of older adults and people with disabilities throughout North Clackamas County, is looking for a City of Happy Valley resident who is interested in serving on the Center's Advisory Board. The Center/Community Advisory Board is the primary policy advisor with regards to the activities and operations of the Milwaukie Center. The Board advises the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Milwaukie City Council, Happy Valley City Council, Board of County Commissioners and Milwaukie Center staff regarding Milwaukie Center needs. The board meets once a month, the 2nd Friday at 9:30 am at the Milwaukie Center. Additionally, board members usually serve on Committees which report to the Board. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve your community, contact Joan Young, Milwaukie Center Director, at 503-653-8100 or joany@co.clackamas.or.us.

COUNCIL'S CORNER!

For the past two years, neighbors from the surrounding area, including the city of Happy Valley, have been working with Clackamas Community College, Clackamas County, North Clackamas Aquatics Center, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation, Oregon Institute of Technology, North Clackamas School District, the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce and other groups to plan for the future of the Harmony area.

During more than 30 public meetings, partners in the visioning process have met with hundreds of community and business members in an inclusive and transparent process. What the partners learned shaped the unified vision for the site: the Harmony Community Campus, a shared space bringing together education, health and fitness, and a beautiful natural space.

The vision for the Harmony Community Campus is to be a model for a healthy economy, incorporating a variety of educational opportunities, alternative energy uses and green development practices. The vision calls for resource protection, collaboration and alternative transportation. When the master planning process is completed this spring, the goal is to have a plan that invites students, guests and employees to access the site by public transportation, bicycles, walking or carpooling. The site is perfectly suited to take advantage of the new light rail station opening this fall.

The community's support in helping shape a master plan that reflects our shared values around education, economic development, a health community and sustainability is still needed. The educational offerings from health sciences to engineering are critical to revitalizing our region's economy and helping Happy Valley sustain and grow its health care and future manufacturing sector. The final draft of the Harmony Community Campus master plan will be on view for comment, Thursday, April 23 at 6 p.m. in the OIT gym on Harmony Road.

The supporters of the Harmony Community Campus are looking at the highest and best use for the site, not just for tomorrow, but for 20 years from tomorrow or 40 years in the future. For more information, please visit www.harmonyvision.org.

I completely support this ongoing effort.

Lori DeRemer
City Council President



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